

12. AVON-HEATHCOTE ESTUARY IHUTAI TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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The purpose of this report is to submit an invitation from the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust for the Council to be represented on the Trust.

The following letter has been received from Mr A B Drysdale, Chairman of the trust:

“Following public meetings called for the purpose, and with the support of both the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury, it was resolved to establish the above Trust.

The working party would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your councillors for your assistance in supplying the services of David Newey, whose support has been invaluable in achieving the establishment of the trust. We also acknowledge the guidance and drive of Councillor Chrissie Williams.

Our group is in the process of completing the legal steps necessary to become incorporated as a Charitable Trust. The inaugural trustees of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust invite the City Council to consider appointing one of the Councillors as an ex-officio member of the Trust with full voting rights.”

The objects of the trust are as follows:

1. To pursue for the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai (“the Estuary”) the preservation of its natural and historic resources to maintain their intrinsic values, and to see the protection of these resources, including restoration and enhancement, for their appreciation and recreational enjoyment by present and future generations.
2. To achieve healthy working ecosystems for the Estuary and its catchments through “Integrated Environmental Management”, meaning a systematic effort to understand, through interactive interpretation and analysis, the linkages between ecosystems, resources and people.
3. To involve individuals, community groups and statutory agencies in learning and practising the principles of integrated environmental management so that all parties responsible for the management of the Estuary and its resources apply these principles.
4. To strengthen relationships between mana whenua, communities, interest groups and statutory agencies for the better management of the Estuary and its resources.
5. To acquire, publish and use information and knowledge of the Estuary through research and monitoring, public education, contributing to planning, and any other actions that are necessary for the integrated environmental management of the Estuary, its resources and its catchments.
6. To increase public recognition, understanding and appreciation of the qualities and values of the Estuary.

In attaining its objects the Trust shall recognise the views and expectations of Mana Whenua, to respect and implement the dual heritage of the partners of Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

Councillor Cox has confirmed his interest in serving as the Council’s representative on the Trust.

Recommendation: That Councillor David Cox be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust.