

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND: ZONE 5 - COUNCIL DELEGATES

The Chair reported:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to change the Council delegates to Zone 5 meetings.

At its meeting on 8 November 2001 the Council appointed the Mayor, Councillor Wells and Mrs Yvonne Palmer, Chairperson, Shirley/Papanui Community Board, as its Zone 5 delegates and Councillors Harrow and James as alternates for the 2001-2004 term.

Because Zone 5 meetings have frequently clashed with Council meetings and other elected member commitments, the Council's delegates have not always been able to attend. This lack of attendance has attracted some criticism. In an attempt to overcome this problem I am proposing: firstly, that the Council increase its delegates from the present three to five and, secondly, appoint all Councillors as alternates.

I have canvassed Councillors to determine their interest in these appointments and Councillors Wells, Harrow, Carole Evans and Anderton, together with Mrs Yvonne Palmer, have confirmed their availability to serve in this capacity.

I also believe that it would be worthwhile for our delegates to meet well before each meeting to agree on agenda items of substance and being well prepared as a team so they can take a lead on the discussion on such issues at the meeting.

The above arrangements should ensure that the Council is appropriately represented at future meetings and our delegates are in a position to contribute to the discussion.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council appoint Councillors Carole Anderton, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Ingrid Stonhill, Sue Wells and Mrs Yvonne Palmer as its Zone 5 delegates.
 2. That all remaining Councillors be appointed alternate delegates.