

41. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH UDS JOINT HEARINGS COMMITTEE - COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to appoint alternative Councillors to the UDS Joint Hearings Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Two of the previously nominated Councillors have withdrawn from the Urban Development Strategy (UDS) Joint Hearings Committee to hear submissions on the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy, as they are unavailable for significant portions of the hearing process. Replacement(s) on the Committee are required for Councillors Shearing and Evans.
3. The Joint Hearings Panel terms of reference state that Christchurch City Council requires three representatives, two of whom are members of the UDS Forum and one who is not. At present Councillors Wells, Shearing, Buck and Broughton are the city's (UDS) Forum representatives. Councillor Wells is already on the Hearings Panel and with Councillor Shearing no longer being available it is appropriate that Councillor Buck or Councillor Broughton be nominated as the city's second UDS Forum representative on the Joint Hearings Committee.
4. The remaining position (being vacated by Councillor Evans) is open to any Councillor. The key will be their ability to be available for the entire hearings and deliberations process.
5. The scheduled hearing dates/times are as follows:

Hearings	February 26 from 9am to 6pm February 28 from 9am to 11.30am March 1 from 2pm to 6pm March 2 from 9am to 6pm March 5 from 9am to 6pm
Deliberations	March 8 from 2pm to 6pm (may include rescheduled hearings) March 9 from 9am to 6pm March 12 from 9am to 6pm March 13 from 2pm to 6pm

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Legal advice has been sought regarding Councillors' attendance at the hearings. The advice provided is that *"to minimise the risk of the UDS being challenged only members of the committee who heard all of the submissions should be involved in the deliberations and recommendations"*.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council nominate Councillor Buck or Councillor Broughton (as a current UDS Forum representative) and one other Councillor (to be nominated) to represent the Christchurch City Council on the Joint Hearings Committee for the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy.