

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL WORKING PARTY



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to recommend that the Council resolve to appoint and establish a working party; the Central Plains Resource Consent and Appeals Working Party.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its 7 and 16 December 2010 meetings, the Council resolved to establish a number of committees and subcommittees.
3. This report seeks a Council resolution to establish a working party, the Central Plains Resource Consent and Appeals Working Party, the membership of which would comprise Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Claudia Reid and Chrissie Williams.
4. While there are no formal terms of reference for the working party, its main focus will be to consider the Council's position in relation to any appeals, notice of requirement or resource consents for Central Plains.
5. The Council established a working party to make recommendations to the Council in its role as a submitter to the central plains resource consent process in the 2007-10 term. Commissioners have granted resource consents which have been appealed to the Environment Court, including by this Council. It is considered that a working party be reappointed for the 2010-13 terms to work with staff, and where required make recommendations to the Council, as these appeals progress.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Costs associated with holding meetings is provided for in the LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Clause 30(1) of the 7th Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002 authorises the Council to appoint committees, subcommittees, and joint committees with other local authorities or public bodies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council resolve to establish a Central Plains Resource Consent and Appeals Working Party, comprising of Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Claudia Reid and Chrissie Williams.