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CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: CHANGES TO REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is four-fold:
 - (a) To advise the Council of the appointment of Selwyn District Councillor Debra Hasson to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee and to seek approval of her appointment.
 - (b) To appoint a replacement for Councillor Chrissie Williams to the position of the Christchurch City Council representative on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee.
 - (c) To advise the Council of the resignation of Mr Martin Maguire from the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee and to accept his resignation.
 - (d) To advise the Council of the appointment of Mr Craig Pauling (Te Runanga o Taumutu) to the Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee, and to seek approval of his appointment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In August 2011 the Christchurch City Council (the Council), with Canterbury Regional Council (ECan) and Selwyn District Council (SDC) approved membership of the Christchurch - West Melton Joint Committee (C-WM Zone Committee). At this time SDC chose not to be represented on the Committee but asked to be kept informed of progress. On 16 September 2011, ECan advised the Council that SDC had decided to appoint a representative to the Committee, Councillor Debra Hasson. Approval of Councillor Hasson's appointment is required by the Council and ECan. The staff recommendation is that the Council approve this appointment.
3. Councillor Chrissie Williams was appointed as the Council representative on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee (CWMS Regional Committee) in July 2010. Due to Councillor Williams' recent resignation from Council, a replacement representative is required.
4. Mr Martin Maguire was appointed as a community member to the C-WM Zone Committee in August 2011. Due to personal circumstances he is no longer able to fulfil this role. The remaining number of community representatives meets the zone committee's Terms of Reference, hence a replacement is not being sought. Staff recommend that Council accept Mr Maguire's resignation.
5. ECan has advised the Council that Mr Craig Pauling had been appointed by Te Runanga o Taumutu to be their representative on the C-WM Zone Committee. Approval of Mr Pauling's appointment is required by the Council and ECan. The staff recommendation is that the Council approve this appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no changes to the financial implications for the Council in approving the appointment of Councillor Debra Hasson to the CWMS C-WM Zone Committee. Elected members of local bodies on zone committees are not eligible for remuneration.

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7. There are no changes to the financial implications for the Council in the replacement of Councillor Chrissie Williams with another City Council councillor on the CWMS Regional Committee. Elected members of local bodies on the Regional Committee are not eligible for remuneration.
8. The Council and ECan pay equal share of the zone committee non-elected member honorariums and travel expenses. With one less community representative, the Council will make a small saving of about \$2,300 in 2011/12 and about \$1,300 in subsequent years.
9. There are no changes to the financial implications for the Council in approving the appointment of Mr Craig Pauling to the CWMS C-WM Zone Committee.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

10. The cost of managing the appointment of members to the CWMS committees is included in existing budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Legal matters on the appointment of councillors to the Regional Committee and zone committees were reported to Council in July 2010. There are no new legal issues arising from the SDC proposed appointment of Councillor Hasson, the appointment of a replacement for Councillor Williams, the resignation of Mr Maguire, or the proposed appointment of Mr Pauling as the replacement for Ms Smith from Te Runanga o Taumutu.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

12. Yes. Refer above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. The CWMS committees support a wide range of environmental, governance, prosperity, health and recreation community outcomes.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

14. Yes. The work of the regional and zone committees will support levels of service in the areas of water supply, "A reliable supply of water that is safe to drink" (2009-19 LTCCP, p.60.), waterways and drainage (p. 132), economic development (p. 144) and city development (p. 188).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The operation of the C-WM Zone Committee and regional committee is consistent with and supports the Council's Surface Water, Water Supply, Biodiversity, Public Open Space and Climate Smart strategies.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Yes. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. As for Council's previous appointments and approvals, a decision to replace a councillor on the Regional Committee and to approve a new member on a zone committee, fits with decisions made following public consultation on the CWMS. Therefore, no further community consultation is needed.

12 Cont'd**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approves the membership of Councillor Debra Hasson to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee.
- (b) Appoint a Councillor as the City Council's representative on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee.
- (c) Accepts Mr Martin Maguire's resignation from the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee.
- (d) Approves the membership of Mr Craig Pauling to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee.

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12 Cont'd**BACKGROUND****Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee Representation**

18. The C-WM Zone Committee was established in July 2010 under the auspices of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with the CWMS as a joint committee of ECan, the Council, and SDC. In addition to community and Runanga members, each council operating within the zone boundary can appoint one elected member to the zone committee. In July 2010 SDC advised ECan of their intention not to be represented on the C-WM Zone Committee largely because of the small area of West Melton that was included as part of the C-WM zone. SDC asked to be kept informed on progress with the establishment of the zone committee and its activities. SDC requested the right to be represented on the committee in the future should they wish to be.
19. The appointment of all zone committee members have to be approved by the constituent zone committee councils. In August 2011 membership of the committee, without representation from SDC, was approved by the Council.
20. On the 16 September 2011, ECan formally advised the Council that SDC had changed their position on representation on the C-WM Zone Committee and had appointed SDC Councillor Debra Hasson to the committee. The appointment of Councillor Hasson is consistent with the provisions of the CWMS Terms of Reference for zone committees. The inclusion of a SDC representative on the zone committee will help ensure the specific interests of SDC and any cross-boundary water management matters with the CCC are appropriately recognised and managed.
21. Mr Martin Maguire was appointed as one of seven community members to the C-WM Zone Committee. Due to personal circumstances he is no longer able to fulfil this role. The remaining number of community representatives is in line with that provided for in the Terms of Reference and at this time a replacement is not being sought.
22. In August 2011 Ms Terrianna Smith (Te Runanga o Taumutu) was appointed to the Christchurch - West Melton Zone Committee and her appointment approved by the Council. On the 5 October 2011 ECan advised the Council that Ms Smith would be replaced by Mr Craig Pauling.

Regional Committee Representation

23. The CWMS Regional Committee is a committee of ECan and comprises members from ECan, territorial authority appointments from north, mid and south Canterbury, the Council, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu, Runanga appointments from north, mid and south Canterbury, the chairs or other member of each zone committee, representatives from key industrial, energy, recreation and regional development sectors. Proxies or alternates are not permitted.
24. The Council currently has three positions on the Regional Committee, one in its own right and the subject of this report (Councillor Chrissie Williams), and two zone committee representatives (Councillors Sally Buck and Claudia Reid). Due to Councillor Williams' recent resignation from the Council, effective 30 September 2011, a replacement representative is required for the Regional Committee.