

REPORT 3
(1215/13/IM)

ELECTIONS OF THE NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Makara/Ohariu Community Board of the call for nominations for the elections of the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee (NZCBEC).

2. Executive Summary

The NZCBEC is an advisory committee to the National Council of Local Government New Zealand. Elections will shortly take place for members of the committee. The Community Board may resolve to nominate one of its members to stand as a candidate. Any nomination must be seconded by another community board within the same geographic zone.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

4. Background

Nominations for representatives and deputies on the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee are due after the October 2013 local authority triennial elections, as new appointments are due to come into effect by the end of February 2014.

The Executive Committee is made up of six representatives – one for each of the six geographic zones of member authorities, as described in Appendix One. These zones and the relevant Councils and community boards which comprise them are listed in Appendix One. A description of the Executive Committee Zone Representative and Deputy Representative roles is attached as Appendix Two.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year, usually in Wellington and travel expenses will be reimbursed by Local Government New Zealand. The programme of meetings will be agreed once the new Committee has been elected.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated which gives the Executive Committee the status of an advisory committee to the National Council of Local Government New Zealand. This role involves:

- providing advice to the National Council of Local Government New Zealand on all matters involving community boards
- liaising between Local Government New Zealand and community boards to gather information on issues and matters of national interest
- keeping the National Council of Local Government New Zealand informed of current and future issues of concern to community boards that may have implications for local government generally
- advising on training needs of community boards and their members that might be included in a national capacity building strategy.

The call for nominations for the election of the Executive Committee members is attached to this report as Appendix Three.

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 29 November 2013. If a community board decides to nominate one of its members to stand as a candidate, that nomination must be seconded by another community board in the same zone. Nomination forms are attached as Appendix 4.

If more than one nomination for any position is received, voting papers and candidate profiles will be sent out to all Zone Four community board chairs on 3 December 2013 and will be due back to the Returning Officer by 5.00pm Thursday 19 December 2013. Any late votes will be declared informal.

5. Discussion

Community Board Members have the opportunity of seeking election as LGNZ Zone Four Community Board Executive Committee Representative or Deputy Representative.

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

Candidates considering putting themselves forward for election should consult other members of the **Makara/Ohariu Community** Board as well as the members of the other community boards in Zone Four.

Election to the NZCBEC will present a unique opportunity for engagement with other community boards across New Zealand.

5.2 Financial considerations

Any costs relating to attendance at NZCBEC meetings will be met by Local Government New Zealand.

5.3 Climate change impacts and considerations

No climate change impacts and considerations have been identified.

5.4 Long-term plan considerations

Any costs relating to attendance at NZCBEC meetings will be met by Local Government New Zealand.

6. Conclusion

Nominations are being called for the NZCBEC. The Community Board may choose to nominate one of its members to stand as a candidate.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington City Council will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations.

4) Decision-making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

Council is not required to consult on this matter.

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required.

6) Legal implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy