
REPORT 4
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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) ZONE 4 AND APPOINTMENTS OF METRO SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES ON NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides for the appointment of the Council's representatives to Zone 4 of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the nomination of the Metro Sector representatives on the National Council of LGNZ.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Appoint the Mayor (as presiding delegate) and three Councillors to be its representatives to Zone 4 of Local Government New Zealand.*
- 3. Note that Ray Wallace was elected as Zone 4 Chair, and Adrienne Staples as Zone 4 Representative on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.*
- 4. Note that nominations for the appointment of three members to the Metro Sector will be called for prior to 1 March 2011.*
- 5. Agree to nominate Mayor Wade-Brown for one of the three Metro Sector representative positions on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.*
- 6. Delegate to the Mayor the ability to cast the votes allocated to Wellington City Council for the election of the Metro Sector representatives on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.*

3. Background

Zone 4 is a regional forum developed by LGNZ that allows local authorities to address matters of common interest in the area. Zone 4 comprises all member local authorities within the area bounded by the Wellington Region with the exception of a portion within the Tararua District.

As a member of Zone 4, Council is required to appoint its representatives for the new triennium. It is recommended that the Mayor and three councillors are appointed as the official Council representatives. All elected members are entitled to attend any meeting of Zone 4.

LGNZ has already called for nominations for the position of Zone 4 Chair and the Zone 4 representative on the National Council of LGNZ. At its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 October 2010, the Council agreed to delegate to the Mayor-elect, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, the ability to nominate elected members to positions of Chair of Zone 4 and Zone 4 representatives on the National Council.

As nominations for the candidates supported by the Wellington City Council had already been made by other Councils, the Wellington City Council was not required to submit any nominations. Ray Wallace, Mayor of Hutt City, was ultimately elected as Chair and Adrienne Staples, Mayor of South Wairarapa, as Zone 4 Representative on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.

Because of the timeframes involved in setting up the new Auckland Council, LGNZ has advised that the appointment of the three Metro Sector representatives on the National Council will be determined between now and 1 March 2011. An amendment to the New Zealand Local Government Association Rules to this effect was approved at their last Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for these three positions will be called for by LGNZ in due course. It is recommended that the Council nominate the Mayor for one of the Metro Sector representative positions on the National Council of LGNZ, and that she is given delegated authority for exercising the Council's votes for the three positions if an election is required.

4. Conclusion

Council should appoint its representatives to Zone 4 and agree to the nomination of the Mayor for one of the three Metro Sector positions on the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

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

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

This project relates to 7.2.2: Provider: City Governance and Decision-making.

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

Not required.

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.