

CCO & CO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Grounds: Section s48(1)(a) - That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

Reason: Section 7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report asks Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee (the Committee) to (1) reappoint the Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust, (2) appoint an elected member to the Board of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd., and (3) appoint a director to the Board of Predator Free Wellington

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

- ☒ Sustainable, natural eco city
- ☐ People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- ☒ Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- ☒ Dynamic and sustainable economy

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- ☐ Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- ☒ Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- ☐ Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- ☐ Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- ☐ Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- ☐ Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

None.

Significance

The decision is **rated low significance** in accordance with schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Financial considerations

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nil | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Unbudgeted \$X |
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Risk

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> High | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme |
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2. If the Basin Reserve Trust reappointment is not made there would be an empty seat on the Board and the Trust would be without a Chair. If the Predator Free Wellington appointment is not made there would be an empty seat on the Board.

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Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

That Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree the reappointment of Alan Isaac as Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust for a three-year period, ending 30 June 2027.
3. Agree the appointment of John Apanowicz as Wellington City Council's (WCC) elected member on the Board of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd. until the triennial election in October 2025 (NB: this is pending the signing of the updated Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd Shareholders Agreement by both WCC and GWRC to enable the appointment of elected members to the Board).
4. Agree the appointment of Justin Lester as an observer on the Predator Free Wellington Board with his formal appointment to the Board for a three-year term commencing in October 2024.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

3. The Appointments Group unanimously recommend the reappointment of Alan Isaac to as Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust, the appointment of John Apanowicz as Wellington City Council's (WCC) elected member on the Board of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd., and the appointment of Justin Lester as a director of Predator Free Wellington.
4. These appointments and reappointment are supported by officers and the respective Chairs of these Boards.

Takenga mai | Background

5. The Council, through the Committee, approves the appointment of board members to our Council Controlled Organisations, in line with the Council's Appointments Policy and the Local Government Act 2002.
6. In terms of Council's Appointment's Policy, the term for a director/trustee is initially for a period of three years and the total tenure is typically six years.

Basin Reserve Trust

7. The Basin Reserve Trust is governed by a Board comprising four trustees, two appointed by Cricket Wellington and two by WCC. The current Board is comprised of:
 - Alan Issac (Chair) – appointed by WCC
 - Councillor John Apanowicz – appointed by WCC
 - Mike Horsley – appointed by Cricket Wellington
 - John Greenwood – appointed by Cricket Wellington

Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd.

8. Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd is jointly owned (80%/20%) by the Wellington City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council respectively.
9. Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Limited does not currently have elected members represented on its Board. The pending signing of the updated Shareholders Agreement by both WCC and GWRC will enable the appointment of elected members to the Board.

Predator Free Wellington

10. Predator Free Wellington (PFW) is a Council Organisation. PFW's vision is to make Wellington the world's first predator free capital city, a place where our native species and communities can thrive. NEXT Foundation is the majority shareholder with 51%. WCC and GWRC hold the balance of the shareholding.
11. As a shareholder of PFW, WCC can appoint one Board member. Celia Wade-Brown is currently WCC's representative on the Board and her term will finish in October of this year. PFW would like to bring on Justin Lester as her replacement early as an observer to enable a smooth transition.
12. The director capability, skills and experience sought by the PFW Board are as follows:
 - Demonstrated experience working at very Senior roles across public and private organisations. This is key for building strong relationships with stakeholders, potential partners and potential funding streams.
 - Strong communications and engagement experience, including the development of new tools and approaches.
 - Ability to build very senior relationships across government organisations.
 - Links and relationships in the corporate world. The need here is in continuing to grow PFW's partnership and sponsorship base.
 - Experience in the economic and social outcome space. This is a lesser told part of the PFW story.
 - Demonstrated values alignment with the kaupapa and vision of a predator free Wellington.
 - Ability to understand the wider goals, and objectives, and approaches of the Council's Biodiversity Strategy and how these connect to the work of PFW.

Kōrerorero | Discussion

13. Alan Isaac (CNZM) has completed two terms as Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust. It is recommended that Alan is reappointed for a further three-year period ending 30 June 2027. See the attached for his CV.
14. Alan is highly regarded as the Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust. Alan is an experienced director and has held governance positions over the past 20 years across a breadth of New Zealand and international businesses, from sporting bodies to commercial and Crown entities. In addition to being Chair of the Basin Reserve Trust, Alan is currently Chair of the New Zealand Community Trust, Deputy Chair of Wellington Free Ambulance and a director of Skellerup Holdings Limited, Oceania Healthcare and Scales Corporation, Alan was also President of the International Cricket Council (ICC) from 2012-2014 and Chairman of Partners at KPMG New Zealand from 1996-2006.

15. Justin Lester is being recommended as a new director of Predator Free Wellington, initially coming on as an observer before filling a vacant seat on the Board when WCC's current representative Celia Wade-Brown retires in October 2024. See attached for Justin Lester's CV.
16. Justin is an experienced director and businessman, as well as being a former Mayor of Wellington. He has strong connections across both central and local government in New Zealand. Justin is currently Director of Government at Dot Loves Data – one of New Zealand's leading data products and services companies. He was a co-owner of Dot Loves Data before it was acquired by ANZ Bank via an investment bank sale in 2023. Justin has held a number of governance roles including being Chair of the Weltec Institute of Technology and Whitireia Community Polytechnic. He is currently a director of Storbie – a digital e-commerce start-up trading in New Zealand, Australia and the United States.

Kōwhiringa | Options

17. For the Basin Reserve Trust, the Committee can choose to either confirm the reappointment of Alan Isaac as Chair (preferred) or reject the reappointment, and request that the Appointments Group consider alternative candidates for this position.
18. For the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency, the Committee can choose to either confirm the appointment of John Apanowicz as WCC's elected member on the board (preferred), or reject the appointment and request the Appointments Group consider alternative candidates for the position.
19. For Predator Free Wellington, the Committee can choose to either confirm the appointment of Justin Lester as an observer and then a director, or reject the appointment and request the Appointments Group consider alternative candidates for the position.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

20. These appointments support the mahi of our CCOs which in general align with several Council strategies, including Te Atakura first to Zero, Tūpiki Ora Māori Strategy, Strategy for Children and Young People, Economic Wellbeing and several LTP priorities.

Engagement and Consultation

21. The respective board chairs have been consulted. Greater Wellington Regional Council has been consulted on enabling the appointment of elected members to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Board.

Implications for Māori

22. None to our knowledge.

Financial implications

23. None.

Legal considerations

24. None to our knowledge.

Disability and accessibility impact

25. None to our knowledge.

Climate Change impact and considerations

26. Not applicable.

Communications Plan

27. On approval of the appointments, letters will be drafted to the candidates informing them of their appointments.

Health and Safety Impact considered

28. There are no specific considerations.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

29. If the appointments are approved, a formal letter will be sent to the candidate/elected member, including a templated reply where each can confirm their acceptance of the appointment/reappointment.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Alan Isaac Governance CV
Attachment 2. Justin Lester_CV

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Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Ngā Meneti | Public-Excluded Minutes

9:30 am Rāapa, 15 Haratua 2024
9:30 am Wednesday, 15 May 2024
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Pōneke | Wellington



PRESENT

Mayor Whanau
Deputy Mayor Foon
Councillor Abdurahman
Councillor Apanowicz (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brown
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Chung
Councillor Free
Pouiwi Hohaia
Councillor Matthews (Chair)
Councillor McNulty (via audiovisual link)
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Randle
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor Young

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Resolved

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Carried

Secretarial note: Clauses 2 and 4 were debated and voted on in the public-excluded session. Clauses 1 and 3 were carried in the public meeting. The motion that carried in whole is as follows:

3.1 CCO & CO Board Appointments

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Matthews

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Carried

The public-excluded session concluded at 11:12am.

Authenticated: _____
Chair