

**GOVERNANCE FINANCE AND
POLICY COMMITTEE
15 APRIL 2014**



REPORT 5

LGNZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, NELSON, 20 JULY 2014

1. Purpose of Report

This report recommends that the Council elects a presiding delegate and an alternate presiding delegate to vote on behalf of Wellington City Council at the LGNZ (formerly Local Government New Zealand) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 20 July 2014.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Appoint the following delegates to attend the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 20 July 2014:*
 - (a) *the Deputy Mayor as its presiding delegate, with authority to exercise Wellington City Council's six votes;*
 - (b) *an alternate presiding delegate (in the event that the Deputy Mayor is absent from the floor of the meeting at any time), who shall be a Councillor; and*
 - (c) *two other delegates, who shall be Councillors*
3. *Note that the attendance by Councillors at the Conference on 21 and 22 July 2014 will be determined by the Deputy Mayor under delegated authority*

3. Discussion

Attendance by Councillors at the Conference, which follows the AGM on 21 and 22 July 2014 will be determined, under delegated authority by the Deputy Mayor. This will be done in consultation with the Mayor, taking into consideration expressions of interest from Councillors.

The Rules of LGNZ allow the Council to appoint up to four delegates to attend the AGM.

To enable a Council to exercise its voting rights at the AGM the LGNZ Rules require a member authority to:

“appoint one of its delegates as its presiding delegate and may appoint one or more alternate delegates; provided that the number of alternate delegates does not exceed the number of delegates appointed.”

Member authorities are required to advise the Chief Executive of LGNZ, in writing, of the names and positions of the presiding, alternate and other delegates attending the AGM. This allows LGNZ to closely monitor the numbers attending and so meet their obligations under the rules of their constitution.

There is no restriction on the number of delegates attending the conference, which follows the AGM on 21 and 22 July 2014. Other elected members may attend the meeting as observers but have no speaking or voting rights and will be seated away from the Council's official delegation.

Wellington City Council is entitled to six (6) votes at the AGM and these votes are cast by the presiding delegate.

4. Conclusion

The Council is required to appoint its presiding delegate, alternate presiding delegate and up to two other delegates for the LGNZ Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 20 July 2014.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

This project supports long-term outcome 7.2.2 – “Wellington 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 implications.

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

Nil.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy.