
CCO 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 the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee to appoint Russell Spratt as the new Board Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust following the retirement of outgoing Chair Phillip Meyer in December 2023.

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

Low Medium High Extreme

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Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

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

- 1) **Receive** the information.
- 2) **Agree** the appointment of Russell Spratt as Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust Board for a three year period starting on 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2026.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

2. The Appointments Group unanimously recommend the appointment of Russell Spratt as Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust Board.

Takenga mai | Background

3. This committee holds the delegation to approve the appointment of board members to our Council Controlled Organisations, in line with the Council's Appointments Policy and the Local Government Act 2002.
4. 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.
5. Giving effect to the Council's earlier decision to have a Councillor appointed to the Board, the Karori Sanctuary Trust Board (utilising one of its vacancies) appointed Councillor Teri O'Neill effective from 1 July, 2023
6. The Karori Sanctuary Trust has 7 trustees. A new Chair appointment is required to replace Phillip Meyer who has served eleven years and will finish his term on the Board on 31 December 2023.
7. See the attached Karori Sanctuary Trust Background document for an overview of the current Karori Sanctuary Trust Board including the Board skills matrix.

Kōrerorero | Discussion

8. **Russell Spratt**, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga is being recommended as the new Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust replacing outgoing Chair Phillip Meyer when he retires on 31 December 2023. See Attachment 2 for Russell Spratt's CV.
9. Russell is being recommended as Board Chair to provide a strong governance skillset, continuity (he is currently Deputy Board Chair) and Mana Whenua representation. Russell has been a Board member of the Karori Sanctuary Trust since 2016. He has been intimately involved in the guidance and achievement of the Trust's milestones including navigating the complexities of posting ongoing operating surpluses in a high inflation, post COVID environment; successful refreshment and appointment of most of the senior leadership team and deepening Zealandia's Mana Whenua partnership.
10. Russell has many years of governance and chairing experience and has helped the Karori Sanctuary Trust Board and management team embed te ao me mātauranga Māori into their practices. He has offered valuable insights gained from many years in

leadership roles in the people development, sales and marketing, tourism, and finance sectors. His governance roles representing iwi across various asset classes, on economic development boards, and on local government Standing Orders Committees are notable. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Directors and has an MBA.

Kōwhiringa | Options

11. The Committee can choose to either confirm the appointment of Russell Spratt as Board Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust (preferred) or reject the appointment, and request the Appointments Group consider alternative candidates for this position.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

12. This appointment supports the mahi of our CCOs which in general align with several Council strategies, including Aho Tini 2030, Te Atakura first to Zero, Tūpiki Ora Māori Strategy, Strategy for Children and Young People, Economic Wellbeing and several LTP priorities.

Engagement and Consultation

13. Phillip Meyer the current Chair of the Karori Sanctuary Trust has been consulted.

Implications for Māori

14. Russell Spratt enables the Karori Sanctuary Trust to have a strong Māori voice and Mana Whenua representation.

Financial implications

15. All CCO positions are budgeted for.

Legal considerations

16. None to our knowledge.

Climate Change impact and considerations

17. Not applicable

Communications Plan

18. On approval of the appointment, a letter will be drafted to Russell Spratt informing him of his appointment.

Health and Safety Impact considered

19. There are no specific considerations.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

20. If the appointment is approved, a formal letter will be sent to Russell Spratt, including a templated reply where he can confirm acceptance of the appointment.

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Attachments

- Attachment 1. Karori Sanctuary Trust Board Background_Aug 2023
- Attachment 2. Russell Spratt CV