

**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council Supplementary Agenda

9:30am Thursday, 9 March 2023
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī,
113 The Terrace, Wellington



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report asks Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council to consider a request for a leave of absence from Councillor Wi Neera.

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

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| Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable, natural eco city |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative, inclusive and creative city |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic and sustainable economy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable, resilient and safe place to live |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong partnerships with mana whenua |

Relevant Previous decisions

Nil

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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Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Grant Councillor Wi Neera a leave of absence from close-of-business 5 March 2023 to 31 March 2022.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

2. Councillor Wi Neera has requested a leave of absence from 5 March 2023 to 31 March 2023 to attend a training exercise in accordance with his commitments as a Territorial Infantry soldier with the New Zealand Army.
3. Requests for a leave of absence must be considered by the Council.
4. Given the short time frame of the leave of absence, Councillor Wi Neera has made the decision not to vacate his internal nor external appointments. This is supported by officers.

Takenga mai | Background

5. On 2 March 2023, Councillor Wi Neera submitted a request for a leave of absence to the Mayor in accordance with Standing Order 18.1.
6. Under that standing order, the first ordinary Council meeting following a request will grant or decline the leave of absence.
7. The request is for the leave of absence to start from close of business 5 March 2023 and last until 31 March 2023.

Kōrerorero | Discussion

8. The request for the leave of absence is retrospective in part and Councillor Wi Neera intends to attend the Council meeting on 9 March 2023 for the purposes of debate on the request.
9. It is anticipated that Councillor Wi Neera would miss the following meetings, of which he is a member:
 - 16 March 2023: Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee
 - 23 March 2023: Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee
10. Councillor Wi Neera is the Deputy Chair of the Pītau Pūmanawa | Grants Subcommittee. There are not currently any scheduled meetings of the subcommittee during the time of the leave of absence.
11. There are a number of briefings and workshops scheduled during the leave of absence period. Formal apologies for these are not required, nor is attendance mandatory or required for quorum. Documents relating to workshops and briefings are provided to all councillors.

12. It is unlikely that the leave of absence will need to be extended, therefore it is not recommended that the power to extend the leave of absence be delegated beyond Council.

Kōwhiringa | Options

13. Council can choose to grant or decline the leave of absence.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

14. Not applicable.

Engagement and Consultation

15. Not applicable.

Implications for Māori

16. Not applicable.

Financial implications

17. There are no financial implications for Council. The Remuneration Authority has indicated that it is appropriate for a member to still receive remuneration while on a leave of absence.

Legal considerations

18. Leave of absences are governed by Standing Order 18.1 and this request and report are in compliance with that standing order.

Risks and mitigations

19. Not applicable.

Disability and accessibility impact

20. Not applicable.

Climate Change impact and considerations

21. Not applicable.

Communications Plan

22. Not applicable.

Health and Safety Impact considered

23. Not applicable.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

24. If a leave of absence is granted, then it will begin at the end of this week.

Attachments

Nil