
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Time: 9:30am
Date: Thursday, 28 April 2022
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

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2. General Business

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 Rush.

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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Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Grant Councillor Rush a leave of absence from close-of-business 29 April 2022 to 19 June 2022.
- 3) Delegate the power to extend the leave of absence, if required, to the Mayor.
- 4) Appoint Mayor Foster to the Wellington Water Committee.
- 5) Appoint NAME as the alternate for the Wellington Water Committee, replacing Councillor Pannett.
- 6) Appoint Councillor Foon to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee.
- 7) Appoint NAME as the alternate for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill joint Committee, replacing Councillor Foon.
- 8) Appoint NAME to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.
- 9) Appoint NAME to the Basin Reserve Trust.
- 10) Appoint NAME to the Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

2. Councillor Rush has requested a leave of absence from 29 April 2022 to 19 June 2022 due to medical reasons.
3. Requests for a leave of absence must be considered by the Council.
4. Councillor Rush has also made the decision to vacate his external appointments.

Takenga mai | Background

5. On 21 April 2022, Councillor Rush 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 29 April 2022 and last until 19 June 2022.
8. A further media release on Tuesday 26 April 2022 indicated that Councillor Rush has also chosen to vacate his external appointments.
9. Councillor Rush has five external appointments that need to be filled:
 - Wellington Water Committee
 - Wastewater Plant and Landfill Joint Committee
 - Wellington Regional Stadium Trust
 - Basin Reserve Trust
 - Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara

Kōrerorero | Discussion

10. Councillor Rush is also the chair of the Pūroro Waihanga | Infrastructure Committee. Councillor Rush will retain this role and in his absence Councillor Condie will act as chair. There are not currently any scheduled meetings of the committee during the time of the leave of absence.
11. It is recommended that the Mayor is appointed to the Wellington Water Committee, in line with the practice of other Councils in the region. Councillor Rush has indicated that he would like to be appointed as the alternate for the Wellington Water Committee.
12. Councillor Foon is currently the alternate for the Wastewater Plant and Landfill Joint Committee. It is recommended that Councillor Foon is appointed to the Committee and a new alternate is appointed.
13. Appointments will also need to be made to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust and the Basin Reserve Trust.
14. While on the leave of absence, Councillor Rush will still be able to undertake Council work as personal circumstances allow. The Remuneration Authority has advised that it is appropriate for a member to still receive remuneration while on a leave of absence under these circumstances.
15. Due to the unpredictable nature of medical issues, it is recommended that the power to extend the leave of absence be granted to the Mayor.

Kōwhiringa | Options

16. Council can choose to grant or decline the leave of absence.
17. Council can choose who to appoint to the vacant positions.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

18. Not applicable.

Engagement and Consultation

19. Not applicable.

Implications for Māori

20. Not applicable.

Financial implications

21. 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 under these circumstances.

Legal considerations

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

Risks and mitigations

23. Not applicable.

Disability and accessibility impact

24. Not applicable.

Climate Change impact and considerations

25. Not applicable.

Communications Plan

26. A media release was issued on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

Health and Safety Impact considered

27. Not applicable.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

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

Attachments

Nil