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Report to Landcare Committee
from Susan Edwards, Manager Parks and Forests (Strategy & Marketing)

Whitireia Park Board Membership

1. Purpose

To seek approval for a Council representative to be co-opted onto the Whitireia Park Board.

2. Whitireia Park Board Request

The Council Chairman has received a letter from the Whitireia Park Board inviting a Council representative to join it as a co-opted member (Attachment 1).

3. Long-term Financial Strategy

The Park Board's request is in response to the Council agreeing to take over control of Whitireia Park in 2005 and to contribute \$20,000 per annum to the Park during the intervening period.

Officers support the Board's request and believe that having a representative co-opted onto the Board will help provide a smooth transition of management between the two agencies.

Council officers and representatives from the Department of Conservation and the Board have had an initial meeting to discuss a process for identifying potential projects for the Council's \$20,000 annual contribution. We propose developing a five year programme and bringing this back to the Landcare Committee for approval prior to any work commencing.

4. **Communication**

If the Committee agrees to a representative being co-opted onto the Board, then a press release will be issued outlining who the representative will be and the Council's involvement with and support for the Park.

5. **Recommendation**

- (1) *That the Landcare Committee recommends to the Council that it agrees to a representative being co-opted onto the Whitireia Park Board*
- (2) *That the Landcare Committee recommends to the Council that it appoints a Councillor as the Council's Whitireia Park Board co-opted representative.*

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Attachment 1 : Letter from A Ross, Whitireia Park Board

Committee Chairperson's Comment

I propose that Councillor Shaw be nominated as the Council representative to be co-opted onto the Whitireia Park Board. Councillor Shaw has indicated he is willing to act in that capacity.

Recommendation

That the Landcare Committee recommends to the Council that it appoints Councillor Shaw as its Whitireia Park Board co-opted representative.

COUNCILLOR DICK WERRY
Chairman, Landcare