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Committee appointments

1. Purpose

To:

- provide the Committee with an opportunity to consider the appointment of additional members, and
- appoint representatives to various bodies associated with the Committee.

2. Background

Possible Landcare Committee Appointment(s)

- (1) At its meeting on 28 October 2004, the Council resolved to make several amendments to the Terms of Reference for its Standing Committees. One amendment was to remove the requirement to appoint outside members where the member of a single member constituency is not a member of the Committee. This provision was replaced with a requirement that each Committee consider whether it could function more effectively by the appointment of members from outside of the Council.

Appointments from Landcare to Other Bodies

- (2) The Council also delegated authority to the Landcare Committee to appoint representatives on the Wellington Conservation Board and Whitireia Park Board. In addition, the Terms of Reference of the Friends of Otaki River, Friends of Waikanae River, East Harbour Regional Park Working Party, and Hutt River Advisory Committee require representatives from the Council. Traditionally, the Landcare Committee appoints those representatives.

3. Considerations

Possible Landcare Committee Appointment(s)

The Landcare Committee is comprised of eight elected members plus the Wellington Conservator from the Department of Conservation who has speaking but not voting rights. In the previous triennium the Committee also had an appointed member from the Kapiti area.

The current Committee does not have an elected representative from either the Kapiti Coast or Upper Hutt Constituencies, although some Councillors have strong links with those communities. Under the previous Terms of Reference the Committee would usually make an appointment to represent both Kapiti and Upper Hutt. However, that is no longer required so you are free to take any one of the following actions:

1. Make no appointments
2. Make one or more appointments to represent the Kapiti and/or Upper Hutt Communities
3. Make one or more appointments to complement the skills and experience of current Committee members.

In making your decision the key issue for you to consider is, are there significant benefits for the Committee if it chooses to appoint additional members?

This is a matter for the Committee to determine based on your views about whether additional appointments are both necessary and appropriate.

In determining whether appointments are necessary and appropriate, you may wish to bear in mind that current Committee members are all experienced Councillors and there are a number of formal and informal structures in place that provide input to the Committee (e.g. Hutt River Advisory Committee, East Harbour Regional Park Working party).

Appointments from Landcare to Other Bodies

As noted above the Committee is also required to appoint members to other bodies who are associated with the Council. They are:

- the Hutt River Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Landcare Committee with representation from Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and local Iwi currently requires *three representatives* from the Council (report 04.648 recommends that you retain this Sub-committee)
- Friends of the Waikanae River and Friends of the Otaki River, *each require one representative* of the Council

- the East Harbour Regional Park Working Party, requires *the Council Chairperson and Landcare Committee Chairperson* as representatives of the Council
- the Whitireia Park Board requires *one representative* of the Council

As with the situation above this decision is one where the Committee needs to determine which Councillors would be best suited for each body given each Councillor's skills, experience and availability.

4. **Communication**

The various groups will be advised of the Committee's decisions on the appointment of representatives.

5. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

EITHER

- (1) *Notes that it has considered whether it could function more effectively with the appointment of an additional member or members, and has determined that such an appointment or appointments are not necessary.*

OR

- (2) *Determines to appoint an additional member or members, and determines the basis on which such an appointment or appointments will be made: and*
- (3) *Confirms Cr Buchanan and Cr Laidlaw as the Council's representatives on the East Harbour Regional park Working Party*
- (4) *Appoints representatives to the following groups:*

Hutt River Advisory Committee (should that Sub-committee continue in this triennium)

Friends of Otaki River

Friends of Waikanae River

Whitireia Park Board

Wellington Conservation Board

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