

Report PE 07.532
Date 6 August 2007
File CFO/27/12/01

Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
Author Ian Buchanan, Chairman

Appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (the Trust)

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for:

- The reappointment of David Bale as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a second term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2010.
- The appointment of Craig Sims as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee (to replace Peter Biggs) for a term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2010.

2. Public Excluded

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act are:

The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of directors to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest, in becoming directors of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.

3. Significance of Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the Significance Policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. Background

The Committee considered the appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust at their meeting on 28th June 2007. At that meeting Councillors requested more information regarding the process and nominations for the

appointments. As a result I have talked at length with Paul Collins, the Chairman of the Trust and asked him to respond to the following:

- Detail the skill sets of each Trustee including the contribution they make to the Board.
- Detail the skill sets required, in your opinion, to ensure the successful operation of the Board and the Stadium.
- Are there any gaps between the skill sets required as noted above, and the skill sets of the existing Board.
- How would the reappointment of David Bale and the appointment of Craig Sims provide the necessary skill sets.

A copy of Paul Collin's reply is attached (refer **Attachment 1**).

On the basis of Paul Collins response I am satisfied that the appointments of David Bale and Craig Sims will be beneficial to the operation of the Stadium.

5. The appointment process

The term of appointment of two Wellington Regional Stadium Trustees expires on 30 June 2007. The joint decision of the Mayor of Wellington City and the Chair of Greater Wellington, representing the two settlors, is that one should be reappointed and the other replaced.

The nature of the joint "ownership" interest in the Trust requires the two settlors to reach agreement on matters such as appointments. This is by discussion between the two parties rather than through the application of their respective appointment policies, which in any case do not coincide. For example, whereas Wellington City Council would normally enforce a maximum two term (6 year) tenure, Greater Wellington has adopted a more pragmatic policy that permits each case to be considered on its merits.

6. Discussion

Following discussion between the settlors, represented by the Mayor of Wellington City and the Chair of Greater Wellington, agreement has been reached that one of the two Trustees whose term of appointment expires on 30 June 2007 should be reappointed and the other replaced. Peter Biggs, the Trustee being replaced, is now resident in Melbourne and it is a condition of the Trust Deed that Trustees shall be residents of the region.

With input from a variety of sources a shortlist of candidates for the vacancy was created. The shortlists were discussed before a unanimous decision was reached on the preferred candidate for interview. Based on the outcome of that interview, this candidate is now being recommended for appointment.

6.1 Reappointment of David Bale

David Bale is an experienced businessman and was formerly Chief Executive of the Lotteries Commission. He is currently Chief Executive of Allied Farmers.

6.2 Appointment of Craig Sims

The two settlers have formed the view that Peter Biggs should not be reappointed as he is now resident in Melbourne.

Having considered a number of candidates, both settlers have agreed on Craig Sims as their recommended candidate. A brief resume of his CV is attached for information as **Attachment 2**. It is being recommended that Craig Sims be appointed for a term of 3 years.

7. Councillor Appointees

Each Council is permitted to appoint one Councillor to the Stadium Trust board. These appointments are reviewed at the commencement of the new Council post the October elections.

8. Communications

Subject to the Committee's approval of the appointment a joint press release will be issued.

9. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that Council:

- 1) ***Receives the report.***
- 2) ***Agrees that David Bale be reappointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term commencing on 1 July 2007 and terminating on 30 June 2010.***
- 3) ***Agrees that Craig Sims be appointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a term commencing on 1 July 2007 and terminating on 30 June 2010.***

Report prepared by:

Ian Buchanan
Chairman

Attachment 1: Paul Collins' report

Attachment 2: Resume of Craig Sims