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Report to the Landcare Committee
from Ted Maguire, Council Secretary and Rob Forlong, Divisional Manager, Landcare

Landcare Committee Appointees

1. Purpose

To consider additional appointments to the Landcare Committee.

2. Comments

(1) Constituency Representation

A general policy of the Council is that committees' memberships include:

“An appointee from any single member constituencies where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the committee which impact on that committee, but the local councillor is not a member of the committee”.

The intent of this is to give effect to the legislative requirement that, so far as possible, Councillors should not be members of regulatory and service delivery committees at the same time.

With the Landcare Committee, this arises for the Kapiti Constituency as Councillor Turver is not a member of the Committee.

In the previous triennium the Constituency representative was Mr John Gilbert who has indicated his interest in continuing in such a role. Should it be agreed there is a need for an additional appointee, it would be appropriate to invite nominations by way of public advertisement. Mr Gilbert could then be considered along with other nominations received.

(2) Regional Conservator, Department of Conservation

Councillors will note that the Terms of Reference of the Landcare Committee (Report 01.847) include provision for the appointment of the Regional Conservator of the Department of Conservation (DOC) with speaking, but not voting rights.

The Department of Conservation is a significant landowner adjacent to many of the Council's own land holdings and as such the two bodies have many common interests. In addition, the Council manages Crown land in the form of Queen Elizabeth Park and smaller reserves within Belmont Regional Park and East Harbour Regional Park. It is therefore proposed that the Regional Conservator (Mr Alan Ross) continue to attend Landcare Committee meetings.

Despite a close interest in our activities, other commitments have frequently prevented the Regional Conservator from attending Landcare Committee meetings.

It is suggested that the Landcare Committee's Terms of Reference be amended to allow for attendance, with speaking, but not voting rights, of the Regional Conservator *or his nominee*.

(3) Wellington Conservation Board

Council has resolved that it be represented at Wellington Conservation Board meetings, on a non-voting basis, by Cr Barr.

In the past, Cr Laidlaw has reported on Conservation Board meetings at the Council. It would seem more appropriate for the Wellington Regional Council representative's report to be made in future to the Landcare Committee, since many of the issues discussed will relate to it (but not exclusively) rather than directly to Council.

3. Recommendations

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) *invite nominations of persons with special knowledge expertise to represent the Kapiti Constituency on the Landcare Committee.*
- (2) *invite the Regional Conservator, Department of Conservation, or his nominee, to attend meetings of the Committee, with speaking, but not voting, rights.*
- (3) *note that Cr Barr will represent the Council at meetings of the Wellington Regional Conservation Board, also on a non-voting basis.*