
Committee Structure and Elected Member Appointments

File No.: 16/576

1. Purpose

To receive the committees His Worship the Mayor has decided to establish for the 2016-2019 triennium and make appointments to Statutory Bodies, Community Groups/Associations and other organisations.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Following each triennial election the Mayor establishes the committee structure for Council and appoints the Chairs of these committees.
- 2.2 Council is required to agree on the membership of each committee, apart from the Chair, approve the meeting schedule for the following year, and make appointments to Statutory Bodies, Community Groups/Associations, and other organisations.
- 2.3 These appointments are generally for the three year term of Council unless more specifically stated as to the actual term of appointment.
- 2.4 As the membership of each of the committees is yet to be finalised, the Mayor has requested that this be held over until the February 2017 meeting of Council, along with the appointment of the Chairs of each Committee.
- 2.5 This will enable time for the Committee Structure and membership to be discussed by the Mayor and Councillors at a proposed Council Retreat.
- 2.6 In the intervening period, reports and updates requiring committee consideration will be included in the full Council agenda.
- 2.7 The Community Wellbeing Committee will meet as scheduled on 15 November 2016 with Councillors Kaye-Simmons and Mason representing Council.
- 2.8 The Mayor has indicated his intention to have Council consider independent members of various committees, at the February 2017 Council Meeting.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 16/576 Committee Structure and Elected Member Appointments be received.
- 3.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 3.3 That Council notes His Worship the Mayor's intention to establish the following committee structure under powers pursuant to Section 41A Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012:
 - Hearings Committee;
 - Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee;
 - Community Wellbeing Committee;
 - Co-management Committee
 - Governance/Management Committee;
 - Projects & Procurement Committee;
 - Economic & Development Committee;

- Chief Executive's Performance Agreement Review Committee;
 - Community Recognition & Funding Committee;
 - Strategy Committee;
 - Creative New Zealand Funding Allocation Committee.
- 3.4 That the newly established 'Community Recognition & Funding Committee' encompass the Youth Scholarships Judging Panel, Civic Honours Special Judging Panel, Tertiary Scholarship Judging Panel, and Community Grants and Funding Committee.
- 3.5 That Council adopts the list of proposed appointments to community groups and organisations as appended to this report.
- 3.6 That reviewed Terms of Reference and Delegations for the above committees be brought to the February 2017 Council meeting for adoption.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 Following each triennial election Council has to review membership and Chairs of existing standing committees and special committees, and make appointments to Statutory Bodies, Community Groups/Associations and other organisations.
- 4.2 The Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 Section 41A sets out Mayoral powers by which the Mayor can now:
- (a) appoint the Deputy Mayor;
 - (b) establish committees of the territorial authority;
 - (c) appoint the Chairperson of each committee.
- 4.3 The rationale behind the committee structure is on the one hand to separate Council's regulatory functions from its non-regulatory functions, and to improve Council's decision making processes through the use of committees focusing on specific areas of Council's function on the other. Through the use of delegations to these committees, Council is able to effect an efficient and robust decision making process.
- 4.4 Council is, however, under Part 5 of the Local Government Act 2002, required to make appointments and set remuneration for members appointed to Council Organisations (CO), including Council Controlled Organisations (CCO).
- 4.5 Council has established a policy on such appointments and remuneration.
- 4.6 It is also noted that inherent in Council's policy on appointments to CCOs, is that the appointment does not necessarily have to be a Councillor or Board Member, although this is normally the case for COs.
- 4.7 Appointments to Statutory Bodies, Community Groups/Associations and other organisations require a resolution by Council and are not included in Mayoral powers to appoint.
- 4.8 Likewise Terms of Reference and Delegations for committees require a resolution of Council. Terms of Reference and Delegations for committees will be brought to the February 2017 Council meeting to provide time for Officers to review in light of any legislative changes.

Appended is a schedule of groups and organisations to which Council has maintained representation. In many cases there is no imperative for Council to be represented at all on the organisation where it currently has a presence, and a starting point is for the Council to decide whether it still wishes to accept any invitation to continue to be represented.

Attachments


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Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

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