MINUTES OF 464TH MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FIRST MEETING OF THE 2016-2019 TRIENNIUM
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 200 TUAM STREET, CHRISTCHURCH
ON THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2016 AT 10.30 A.M

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PRESENT

Councillors: David Bedford, David Caygill, Iaean Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Tom Lambie, Steve Lowndes, Claire McKay, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, Peter Scott, Peter Skelton, John Sunckell

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive and Interim Chairperson), Jill Atkinson (Director Strategy and Programmes), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Don Rule (Chief Operations Officer), Stefanie Rixecker (Director Science), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Katherine Trought (Director Communications), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance Services) and Therese Davel (Senior Administration Officer)

WELCOME

The Chief Executive declared the meeting open and welcomed all present. He advised that as Chief Executive he was responsible to Chair the meeting until such time as Council elected its Chairperson. Mr Bayfield noted the meeting would be broadcast live.

Councillor Iaean Cranwell was invited to perform a karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

4. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

4.1 Local Government Election Results

Refer pages 3 to 5 of the agenda

The Chief Executive referred to the attached report for information purposes only.

4.2 Members' Statutory Declarations

Refer pages 6 to 7 of the agenda and the attachments circulated separately.

The Chief Executive called upon each Councillor to make and attest their Member declaration, as required under the Local Government Act 2002.

Each Councillor stood, made an oral declaration, upon which the Councillor and the Chief Executive signed the declaration form.

4.3 Election of Chairperson

Refer pages 8 to 10 of the agenda

The Chief Executive called for Council to adopt its voting system for the election of the Chairperson as required under the Local Government Act 2002. He recommended Council adopt voting system A, and outlined the process to be followed.

Resolved:

That the Council

a. **Receives the report Election of Chairperson.**

b. **Adopts System A as the voting procedure for the election of the Council Chairperson.**

c. **Agrees that in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be put into a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person (such as the Chief Executive), is deemed to be elected.**

d. **Elects the Chairperson.**

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Sunckell/Roberts
CARRIED

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The Chief Executive called for nominations for the election of the Chairperson, and noted there would be an opportunity for those who nominated Councillors, as well as nominees to address the meeting.

Councillor Peter Skelton moved to nominate Councillor David Bedford, seconded by Councillor John Sunckell

Councillor Skelton addressed the Council in support of his nomination of Councillor Bedford.

Councillor Steve Lowndes moved to nominate Councillor Peter Scott, seconded by Councillor Lan Pham

Councillor Lowndes addressed the Council in support of his nomination of Councillor Scott.

Address from nominees

Councillor Bedford said it was an interesting period ahead for Environment Canterbury. He said he would provide continuity and noted relationships with Ngāi Tahu were important to continue.

Councillor Scott said he would bring a different flavour to Council and spoke of his involvement with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. He commented this was a unique process and opportunity to manage the resources of Canterbury.

As no further nominations were received the Chief Executive called for a vote in favour of each nominee.

Those who voted for Councillor Bedford

Bedford
Caygill
Cranwell
Cunningham
Lambie
McKay
Skelton
Sunckell

Those who voted for Councillor Scott

Cullinane
Lowndes
Pham
Roberts
Scott

Councillor David Bedford received 8 votes and Councillor Peter Scott received 5 votes. The Chief Executive declared Councillor David Bedford duly elected as the Chairperson of Canterbury Regional Council.

Chairperson's declaration

Councillor Bedford read the Chairperson's declaration and assumed the Chair.

Chairpersons opening remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for their confidence in electing him, and said he looked forward to being part of the team to lead the Council for the next three years. He said he felt privileged to have two Ngāi Tahu members on the Council and pledged to work hard with this team.

4.4   Election of Deputy Chairperson

Refer pages 11 to 13 of the agenda.

Chairman Bedford noted the same process would be followed for the election of Deputy Chairperson and advised Councillors would be given an opportunity to address the meeting.

Resolved:

That the Council

a. Receives the report Election of Deputy Chairperson.

b. Adopts System A as the voting procedure for the election of the Council Deputy Chairperson be System A.

c. Agrees that in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be put into a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person (such as the Chief Executive), is deemed to be elected.

d. Elects the Deputy Chairperson.

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Cranwell/Cullinane
CARRIED

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Chairperson Bedford called for nominations for the election of Deputy Chairperson.

Councillor Dr Cynthia Roberts nominated Councillor Steve Lowndes, seconded by Councillor Rod Cullinane.

Councillor Roberts spoke in support of her nomination for Councillor Lowndes.

Councillor John Sunckell nominated Councillor Claire McKay, seconded by Councillor Tom Lambie.

Councillor Sunckell spoke in support of his nomination for Councillor McKay.

Councillor Iaean Cranwell nominated Councillor Peter Scott, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Cunningham.

Councillors Cranwell and Cunningham both commented that the Southern rūnanga felt strongly that Councillor Scott had built good relationships with local Iwi and would be an ideal candidate for Deputy Chair.

Address from nominees

Councillor Scott addressed the Council and respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor Scott's nomination was withdrawn.

Councillor Lowndes addressed the Council noting his career included involvement in environmental and cultural associations. His experiences taught him the importance of kaitiakitanga which he regarded as the Council's principal role.

Councillor McKay addressed the Council and referred to her involvement over many years with the Canterbury Water Management System and work with the rūnanga. She commented on the need to build a better environment and for Canterbury to stand strong as one region.

As no further nominations were received, the Chair called for a vote in favour of each nominee.

Those who voted for Councillor Lowndes

Scott
Roberts
Pham
Lowndes
Cunningham
Cullinane
Cranwell

Those who voted for Councillor McKay

Sunckell
Skelton
McKay
Lambie
Caygill

Councillor Steve Lowndes received 7 votes and Councillor Claire McKay received 5 votes. The Chairman declared Councillor Steve Lowndes duly elected as the Deputy Chairperson of Canterbury Regional Council.

4.5. Key Legislation

Refer pages 14 to 21 of the agenda.

Catherine Schache (General Counsel) presented the report that expained five key pieces of legislation that affected Councillors. She remarked this was a brief overview and a more comprehensive legal briefing was included in the Councillor induction programme.

Resolved

That the Council:

Receives the report Key Legislation.

Skelton/ Cunningham
CARRIED

4.6 Fixing Date and Time of the Next Council Meeting

Refer page 22 of the agenda

Resolved:

That the Council:

agrees the next meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council be held on Thursday 10 November 2016 commencing at 10am.

Sunckell/ Skelton
CARRIED

4.7 Confirmation of Standing Orders

Refer page 23 of the agenda

Resolved:

That the Council

a. Receives the report Adoption of Standing Orders.

b. **Confirms the Canterbury Regional Council Standing Orders for the new triennium as appended to the report, noting Council can amend its standing orders at any time.**

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Skelton/Lowndes
CARRIED

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5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary and urgent business.

6. Questions

There were no questions

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

Closure

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Bedford declared the meeting closed at 11.25am.

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DATE 17/11/2016.   _____ CHAIRPERSON