

Tabled CDEM Group Joint Committee - 24 Feb  
2017

## Appointment of Local Recovery Manager for the Christchurch City Council

From: Mayor Lianne Dalziel

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to appoint a Local Recovery Manager for the Christchurch District.

### 2. Recommendation

***That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee appoint Murray Sinclair to the role of Local Recovery Manager for the Christchurch District.***

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Chair of the Joint Committee declared a local state of emergency covering the CDEM Group at 6.04pm on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 as a result of the Port Hills fire.
- 3.2 The Chair extended the declaration on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- 3.3 Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council began putting in place recovery arrangements almost immediately.
- 3.4 Christchurch City Council wishes to have a community led recovery and with this in mind identified Murray Sinclair as an outstanding candidate for this challenging role.
- 3.5 Murray's background is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.6 We believe Murray has the attributes necessary for this position under the new legislation.

## Appendix A

Name: Murray Sinclair

Murray was employed by the Christchurch City Council from 1979 to 2015. At the time of Murray's retirement in 2015 he was the Council's Manager of Civil Defence & Rural Fire. Murray had held this position since 2006 and had since 1996 lead work in the disaster/emergency management. Murray has been extensively involved in readiness, response and recovery planning.

Murray played a pivotal role in the response to the 2010/2011 earthquake responses which including providing advice to Controller and ensuring the Emergency Operations Centre functioned efficiently. Murray also provided advice to the Council's CEO following the Sept 2010 earthquake on Council's recovery responsibilities.

Murray as an excellent understanding of rural fire responsibilities/functions – the Council's Principal Rural Fire Officer reported directly to Murray from 2008. Furthermore, Murray was a member of the working party looking at the formation of an Enlarged Rural Fire Authority for SDC, CCC, WDC, HDC and DOC. The working party ceased its investigations when the Government announced that the NZ Fire Service and all Rural Fire authorities would be amalgamated into a single Fire Service organisation with effect from 1 July 2017.

Murray has established an extensive working relationship with most agencies working in the CDEM response/recovery sector.

More recently, Murray was a Local CDEM Controller for the Kaikoura District Council for three weeks following the November 2016 Kaikoura earthquake.