

10.0 Other business

Late Item

Council Report – Appointments to Local Government New Zealand Sector Groups

Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Author	Louise McDonald, Senior Committee Advisor

Purpose

Approval is sought to receive the following report at the Council meeting on 11 March 2021.

Background

Under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Council must resolve to include an item not on the main agenda and to state the reasons why.

As such, the reason why the report was not included on the main agenda is due to an administrative oversight, and the reason why discussion on the matter cannot be delayed is that the Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 & 6 meeting will be held on 15 and 16 March 2021.

Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. receive and consider at the Council meeting on 11 March 2021 the report *Appointments to Local Government New Zealand Sector Groups of Independent Members – Performance, Audit and Risk Committee.***

Legal compliance and risk assessment

Section 46(A) of the Local Government and Official Information Act:

- 7. An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if—*
 - (a) the local authority by resolution so decides; and*
 - (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public, —*
 - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and*
 - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting*

10.1 Appointments to Local Government New Zealand Sector Groups

Council report

Date of meeting	11 March 2021
Author	Catherine Schache, General Counsel

Purpose

1. To appoint attendees to Local Government Zone 5 group meetings.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. notes that Canterbury Regional Council can appoint elected members to attend the biannual Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 and 6 meetings to represent the Council.
2. appoints the Chair and Deputy Chair as representatives to the Zone 5 meetings throughout the 2019-2021 triennium.
3. appoints two Councillors to represent Canterbury Regional Council at each of the Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 meetings during the triennium in a matter which enables as many different councillors to participate as possible.
4. appoints Councillors Grant Edge and Elizabeth McKenzie to represent the Regional Council at the Zone 5 & 6 meeting on 15 and 16 March 2021 at Wanaka.
5. notes that the Chair will represent the Canterbury Regional Council on the Local Government Regional Sector for the 2019-2022 triennium.

Key points

2. Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is the national organisation of local authorities in New Zealand. LGNZ represents the interests of councils and leads best practice in the local government sector, and provide advocacy and policy services, business support, advice and training to member councils.
3. The rules of LGNZ provide for six geographical and four sector groupings of member authorities. These groupings provide a means of input from members to LGNZ on matters relating to local authorities in New Zealand. Each member authority is entitled to belong to one zone and one sector grouping. More information can on the structure can be found at <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/about-lgnz/>.

4. Canterbury Regional Council is a member of LGNZ Zone 5 and LGNZ Regional Sector.

Background

5. Zone 5 includes all member authorities within the area bounded by the Canterbury and West Coast Regional Councils, the Tasman and Marlborough District Councils, the Nelson City Council, and the Chatham Islands Council. The biannual Zone 5 meetings are held joint with Zone 6 Councils.
6. The Council has previously appointed the Chair and one Councillor to represent the Council at LGNZ Zone 5 during the whole of that triennium. The Chair's recommendation is that two permanent appointments and two Councillor appointments be made to Zone 5 during the 2019-2022 triennium to allow Councillor attendance at Zone 5 during the 2019-2022 triennium to allow Councillors' attendance at Zone 5 meetings to be shared, and to enable as many Councillors as possible to participate.
7. The first meeting of the 2021 year for Zone 5, combined with Zone 6 is scheduled for 15 and 16 March 2021 in Wanaka, this is a joint meeting between Zone 5 and Zone 6. Dates for other meetings are to be advised and other appointments will be made ahead of those meetings.

Regional Sector

8. The purpose of sector groups, as set out in the LGNZ constitution, is to act as an electoral college for the appointment of National Council representatives. Each sector group develops their own set of priority issues which are addressed, with assistance from LGNZ, with the objective of simultaneously pursuing the particular interests of each sector and the general interests of local government.
9. Canterbury Regional Council is a member of the LGNZ Regional Sector grouping. Other member Councils can be found here <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/about/membership-representation/sector-groups/regional-group/>
10. The Regional Sector including the four unitary councils, meets four times per year. The meetings are attended by the Chair.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

11. Costs associated with LGNZ representation and meetings are provided for in the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028.

Attachments

Nil