

**Mayor and Councillors**  
COUNCIL

**14 JUNE 2012**

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

## **VOTING IN THE 2012 ELECTRA TRUST ELECTION**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report seeks Council's decision on whether or not to exercise its voting rights in the 2012 Electra Trust Election and which candidate/s to endorse (if any).

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 On 10 May 2012 the Corporate Business Committee recommended that Council reserve the right to exercise the right to vote in the 2012 Electra Trust election, pending an invitation to all candidates to address Council. Council would then decide whether or not to vote and if so, for which candidate or candidates. Council has a total of 249 votes, which are based on the number of Council owned facilities connected to the Electra network.
- 4 Nominations for candidacy were closed on 1 May 2012, but the list of validated candidates could not be released until the voting packs had been distributed on 22 May 2012. Candidate profile statements are at Appendix 1. The candidates are:

Mr Duncan Hill

Mr Ray Latham

Mr Tony Rush

Mr David Scott

Mr Chris Turver

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Issues

- 5 Invitations were extended to all candidates to present to Council on Wednesday 30 May or on 7 June 2012. Tony Rush tabled a statement at the 30 May meeting.

Ray Latham and Tony Rush attended the Council meeting on 7 June, and Duncan Hill asked for a statement to be read out at this time as he was unable to attend in person. Chris Turver declined the invitations and David Scott did not respond (he was overseas).

- 6 Council now needs to decide whether to vote in the election and if so, for which candidate/s. Council may express preferences for up to two candidates. Voting closes on 14 June 2012 – all voting papers must be in the Returning Officer's hands by 5pm.

#### Financial Considerations

- 7 There are no financial considerations.

#### Legal Considerations

- 8 There are no legal considerations.

#### Delegation

- 9 Council has the authority to make this decision.

#### Consultation and Policy Considerations

- 10 There are no consultation or policy considerations.

#### Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 11 There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

#### Publicity Considerations

- 12 The outcome of the decision today will be the subject of media interest.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13 That Council exercises its right to vote in the 2012 Electra Trust election and endorses ..... and ..... as its preferred candidates.
- 14 That Council declines to exercise its right to vote in the 2012 Electra Trust Election.

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#### **Appendix 1 Candidates profile statements**