

**Chairperson and Community Board Members**  
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

19 JUNE 2012

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE  
COMMUNITY BOARD**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 The Ōtaki Community Board is asked to nominate and elect members to fill the roles of Board Chair and Deputy Chair, following the processes laid out in the Local Government Act 2002.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

- 3 On 30 May 2012 a letter was received from Mr Moselen in which he tendered his resignation as Chair. This became effective immediately so the Board must now elect a new Chair.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

Issues

- 4 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, a community board must determine by resolution the choice of a voting system when seeking to fill the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair. The two systems are outlined below.
- 5 In electing the Chair and Deputy Chair and in the event that there is more than one nomination for each of the positions, the Community Board agrees to adopt the procedures as set out in Section 54(2) and Schedule 7, Clause 25 and (37) of the Local Government Act

**System A** – where the person to be elected or appointed receives the votes of a majority of members present and voting, and where:

- There is a first round of voting for all candidates;
- If no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded;

- If no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent round of voting from which each time the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded;
- In any round of voting, if two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

**System B** – which requires that a person is elected or appointed if she or he receives more votes than any other candidate; and

- There is only one round of voting;
- If two or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

- 6 When an equality of votes needs to be resolved by lot the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes shall be placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person shall be deemed to be elected.

#### Financial Considerations

- 7 There are no financial considerations.

#### Legal Considerations

- 8 There are no additional legal considerations.

#### Delegation

- 9 The Community Board has the delegation to consider this matter under Section 54(2) of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### Consultation and Policy Considerations

- 10 There are no consultation or policy considerations.

#### Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 11 There are no iwi considerations.

#### Publicity Considerations

- 12 A media release will be prepared as there will be community interest in the outcome.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

13 That the Ōtaki Community Board adopts

System A; or

System B

as outlined in Schedule 7, Clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the election of the Board's Chair and Deputy Chair.

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