

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

22 MARCH 2011

Meeting Status: Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS - CONSIDERATION BY COMMUNITY BOARDS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To refer the new Code of Conduct approved by Council on 16 December 2010 to all Community Boards for their consideration and adoption.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's Significance Policy is not triggered by this report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 On 16 December 2010 Council considered a new Code of Conduct for Elected Members. The provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 require Councils to adopt a Code of Conduct for their members. The Act also lists the content of the document i.e. it must describe the expectations about the manner in which members should behave towards each other, the public and staff, as well as how they handle information acquired in their official roles.
- 4 The new Code adopted by Council featured a number of improvements while retaining the same range of statutory information. It is in a clearer layout, with a more consistent tone, and is more explicit about expectations, including principles of good governance. Legislative references were also updated.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 5 Codes of conduct do not necessarily apply to Community Boards who are free to develop their own codes of conduct. When Council adopted its first code in 2003 they referred it to Community Boards for consideration and if appropriate, adoption.

Financial Considerations

- 6 There are no financial considerations.

Delegation

- 7 The Community Board may consider this matter under paragraph 7.20 of the Governance Structure: "Authority to undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the local authority..."

Consultation

8 There are no consultation considerations.

Policy Implications

9 There are no policy considerations.

Publicity Considerations

10 There are no publicity considerations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11 That the Ōtaki Community Board receives the Code of Conduct for Elected Members as approved by Council on 16 December 2010.

12 That Ōtaki Community Board adopts the Code of Conduct for Elected Members 2010.

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Code of Conduct for Elected Members as adopted by Council on 16 December 2010