

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

27 JANUARY 2011

Meeting Status : Public

Purpose of Report: For Decision

APPOINTMENT TO KAPITI ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION MAINTENANCE TRUST

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 Council is invited to appoint an elected member to the Kapiti Ecological Restoration Maintenance Trust

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

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

BACKGROUND

- 3 The Trust has approached Council to appoint an elected member to the Trust to assist with its work and advocacy. Cr Jack was the appointee in the 2007-2010 Triennium.
- 4 The Trust has been operating since 2007 as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, and is also registered under the Charities Act 2007. Its mission is:

“to manage the maintenance of Approved Sites within the District which have been restored with native species, by planning, contracting, and supervising appropriate services (weed control, pruning, spraying etc) so as to support the restoration work of Voluntary Ecological and/or Environmental Interest Groups and the Territorial Authorities, and enhance the life of the Community.”

- 5 Maintenance work has continued by Trust volunteers on three restoration sites – Kaitawa Reserve, Greendale Reserve and the south bank of the Waikanae River from Otaihanga Domain to about two kilometres upriver. (See Appendix 1 for more details.)

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 In public speaking time at the Council meeting on 16 December 2010, Trust representatives John Topliff and John McLachlan reported that the restoration projects initiated by the Trust have reached maturity and the Trust is concerned that the benefits of this work not be lost. They have asked Council to commit to another three year contract with an additional \$10,000 per year recognising the

important role played by a local worker whom they are able to employ with Council funding. This request will be handled through the Annual Plan process.

Financial Considerations

- 7 Council entered into a three year contract with the Trust for funding of \$40,000 per year and this arrangement expires on 30 June 2011. The Trust will make a submission for further funding as part of the Annual Plan process.

Legal Considerations

- 8 There are no legal considerations associated with this appointment, which is in line with Council's Policy on Appointments to External Organisations.

Delegation

- 9 Council has the delegation to consider this matter.

Consultation

- 10 There are no consultation considerations.

Policy Implications

- 11 There are no policy considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 12 The appointment will be publicly notified and a letter sent to the Trust.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13 That Council appoints Cr to the Kapiti Ecological Restoration Maintenance Trust for the 2010-2013 Triennium.

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Appendix 1 Copy of Chairman's Annual Report 2010