
REPORT 1
(1215/12/IM)

APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY: TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the Board's confirmation of its decision taken on 8 February 2007 to appoint Vicki Beachen to the elected member vacancy on the Tawa Community Board created by the recent resignation of Penny Devine.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Confirm its decision taken on 8 February 2007 to appoint Vicki Beachen to the elected member vacancy on the Tawa Community Board for the balance of the current triennium.*

3. Background

At its meeting on 8 February 2007 the Tawa Community Board agreed to fill the elected member vacancy that currently exists on the Board and resolved that Vicki Beachen be appointed to the position for the balance of the current triennium (i.e. until 13 October 2007).

The Board is now required to confirm its decision to appoint Vicki Beachen to this position before she can act as an elected member of the Board.

4. Discussion

Having decided that the vacancy is to be filled by the appointment of a person qualified to be elected to the position, the Board is required to give public notice of both:

- the resolution to fill the position; and
- the process or criteria by which the person named in the resolution was selected for appointment.

Public notice of those decisions was given on Saturday 17 February 2007.

Now that public notice has been given the Board must, at a meeting held not later than 30 days after the date of that notification, confirm by resolution the appointment of Vicki Beachen to the position.

In accordance with section 118(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 she is, for all purposes, to be treated as having been elected to fill the vacancy on the date on which the resolution confirming her appointment is made (i.e. on 8 March 2007).

It is also important to note that following confirmation of her appointment Vicki Beachen will also be required to make a declaration in accordance with section 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 before she can act as a member of the Tawa Community Board.

If for any reason Vicki Beachen is unavailable or otherwise unable to be confirmed in the appointment, a further vacancy occurs in the office.

5. Conclusion

The Board is required to confirm the appointment of Vicki Beachen to the vacancy no later than 30 days after the date of the public notification of its decision to fill the vacancy by appointment.

Public notice of the Board's decision was given on 17 February 2007 and the Board is therefore required to confirm its decision no later than Monday 19 March 2007.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Not required

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy