

REPORT 1
1215/11/IM

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

1. Purpose of Report

To seek Council approval to the appointment of a Councillor as the Acting Deputy Mayor for the period 23-30 March 2006 during which time both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent from New Zealand.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to appoint a Councillor as the Acting Deputy Mayor for the period 23 - 30 March 2006 inclusive during which time both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be absent from New Zealand.*

3. Background

Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be out of Wellington during the period 23-30 March 2006 inclusive. The Mayor will be absent from 23 March - 3 April 2006 inclusive and the Deputy Mayor, who is currently away, does not return until 31 March 2006.

4. Discussion

There is precedent for the absence overseas at the same time of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. In these circumstances the Council has, as a matter of good practice, appointed an Acting Deputy Mayor for the period during which both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent. It is recommended that Council follow that procedure again on this occasion.

This recommendation, if agreed to, will mean that the Acting Deputy Mayor can act in those situations where the Mayor would be called on (eg. to exercise the Mayor's role in a Civil Defence Emergency). Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Deputy Mayor, or in this case the Acting Deputy Mayor, can act for the Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

There are no planned Council meetings during this period and no official commitments will be entered into during that time.

5. Conclusion

Because both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be absent from New Zealand during the period 23-30 March 2006 it is considered appropriate to appoint an Acting Deputy Mayor for the period they are both away.

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Supporting Information
<p>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome</p> <p><i>This report supports objective 9.2 City decision-making: People are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process.</i></p>
<p>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</p> <p><i>Relates to C534: Committee and Council process.</i></p>
<p>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations</p> <p><i>There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications.</i></p>
<p>4) Decision-Making</p> <p><i>This is not a significant decision.</i></p>
<p>5) Consultation</p> <p>a) General Consultation</p> <p><i>Not required.</i></p> <p>b) Consultation with Maori</p> <p><i>Not required.</i></p>
<p>6) Legal Implications</p> <p><i>No legal implications.</i></p>
<p>7) Consistency with existing policy</p> <p><i>This report is consistent with Council policy.</i></p>