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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy
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Stadium Trust - Appointment of Trustees

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee of the results of the review of the Stadium Trust Board recently carried out and to seek approval in relation to certain Trustee appointments to the Trust Board.

2. Public Excluded

Grounds for exclusion of the public under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are that the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the meeting would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exists i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons.

3. Background

On 27 June 2002 the Committee approved the following Stadium Trust Board to operate with effect from 1 July 2002.

Trustee	Term Expiry Date
Paul Collins (Chair)	30/6/03
Sir Ron Scott	30/6/04
Dame Margaret Bazley	30/6/03
Michael Egan	30/6/05
John Hunn	30/6/03
Peter Biggs	30/6/04
Ian Buchanan (GWRC representative)	October 04*
Chris Parkin (WCC representative)	October 04**

^{*} Ian Buchanan was re-appointed subsequent to the October 2001 Local Body Elections.

^{**}Chris Parkin was appointed subsequent to the October 2001 Local Body Elections.

On 30 June 2003 the Committee then approved, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council (WCC), the short term reappointment of Paul Collins, Dame Margaret Bazley and John Hunn until 30 September 2003. This was designed to allow sufficient time for the two councils to complete the review of the Trust Board which was in progress at that time.

Paul Collins, Dame Margaret Bazley and John Hunn, whose term now expires on 30 September 2003, have all indicated a willingness to continue as Trustees.

4. Review of Trust Board

The first stage of the review of the Trust Board was undertaken by Paul Collins, the Chair of the Stadium Trust, using a template developed by the WCC. This was the same approach as that followed in past years.

The results of the review conducted by Paul Collins are included in **Attachment 1**.

As noted in the Chief Financial Officer's report PE03.331 considered by the Committee on 30 June 2003, I met with Paul Collins, Howard Stone, Mayor Prendergast and Garry Poole on 30 May 2003 to discuss the results of the review of the Trust Board.

5. Suggested Trust Board – 2003/2004

At the meeting on 30 May it emerged that WCC, our co-settlor, had some concerns over the operations of the Trust, in particular the nature of the forward events programme. After a series of meetings at officer level, including a meeting involving the Stadium Trust Chief Executive and Chairman, the officers of both councils are now in agreement that we should each recommend to our respective councils that:

- Paul Collins and John Hunn be re-appointed for a term of three years to 30 June 2006.
- Dame Margaret Bazley be re-appointed for a term of two years to 30 June 2005.
- Paul Collins is considered to be a capable chairman of the Trust and should be retained in that role.

Mayor Prendergast and I also noted that it would be prudent to consider the appointment of an additional Trustee to try and increase the focus on generating new revenue opportunities. (This could take several months to achieve an appointment if indeed it is possible to find such a person resident in the Region.)

If approved by both Councils, the Trust Board would then be:

Trustee	Term Expiry Date
Paul Collins (Chair)	30/6/06
Sir Ron Scott	30/6/04
Dame Margaret Bazley	30/6/05
Michael Egan	30/6/05
John Hunn	30/6/06
Peter Biggs	30/6/04
Ian Buchanan (GWRC representative)	October 04*
Chris Parkin (WCC representative)	October 04*

^{*} the date of the next Local Body Elections.

with one additional Trustee to be potentially added over the next few months.

6. Communications

Any information about this matter should be by way of a joint press release with WCC. Officers will discuss this with WCC officers, depending on the results of the deliberations of both Councils.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee recommend that Council:

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.
- (2) **note** that the current Stadium Trust Board is operating effectively.
- (3) **note** that three of the current Trustees' terms expire on 30 September 2003, having been extended on a short term basis from 30 June 2003.
- (4) **re-appoint**, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council,
 - (a) Dame Margaret Bazley as a Trustee for a term of a further two years (inclusive of the short term extension to 30 September 2003), expiring 30 June 2005.
 - (b) Paul Collins as a Trustee and chairman for a term of a further three years (inclusive of the short term extension to 30 September 2003), expiring 30 June 2006.
 - (c) John Hunn as a Trustee for a term of a further three years (inclusive of the short term extension to 30 September 2003), expiring 30 June 2006.

(5) **note** that, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council, a search for an additional Trustee will be commenced and if a suitable candidate is found approval of the Committee will be sought prior to any appointment being made.

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