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Stadium Trust - Appointment of Trustees

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee of the review of the Stadium Trust Board currently in progress and to seek approval in relation to certain short term Trustee appointments to the Trust Board, with effect from 1 July 2003.

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.

4. Status of the Review of Trust Board

As there were three Trustees whose terms expired on 30 June 2003 officers decided that a formal review of the Trust Board should again be undertaken this year. Paul Collins, Dame Margaret Bazley and John Hunn, whose term expires on 30 June 2003, have all indicated a willingness to continue as Trustees.

The review was undertaken by Paul Collins, the Chair of the Stadium Trust, using a template developed by the Wellington City Council. This was the same approach as that followed in 2001 and 2002.

The Council chairperson 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 conducted by Paul Collins.

At that meeting it emerged that WCC, our co-settlor of the Trust, has some concerns over the operations of the Trust and, in particular, the nature of the forward events programme. Subsequent to that meeting officers of both Councils have met again and discussions are continuing with officers of WCC to try and get to the bottom of their concerns. It is fair to say that at this stage we largely do not share the concerns of WCC officers.

Essentially, from a GWRC perspective, we see that the Stadium is working well, both operationally and financially and, while it would be nice to see more varied events such as concerts, we are confident that the Stadium Trust is focussed on delivering against this important aspect of the business plan. As Councillors are aware, the draft business plan of the Stadium Trust for 2003/04 was considered by the Committee on 16 June 2003.

However, as three of the trustees' terms expire on 30 June 2003, it is important that as an interim step the councils jointly reappoint those trustees on a short term basis to allow the review of the Trust Board (being carried out jointly by WCC and GWRC) to be completed.

Officers are therefore recommending reappointing those three trustees whose terms expire on 30 June 2003 for a period of three months to 30 September 2003.

5. Where to from here?

Officers will continue discussions with WCC officers and with the Stadium Trust with a view to completing the review of the Trust Board and presenting longer term recommendations with regard to trustees before 30 September 2003.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee recommend that Council:

- (1) **receive** the report and note its contents.
- (2) **note** that three of the current Trustees' terms expire on 30 June 2003.

- (3) **reappoint**, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council, Paul Collins, Dame Margaret Bazley and John Hunn for a term of three months to 30 September 2003.
- (4) **note** that prior to 30 September 2003 a further report will be provided to the Committee in support of longer term trustee appointments to the Stadium Trust.

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