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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
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Appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for:

- the reappointment of Michael Egan as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2008
- the appointment of Liz Dawson as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee (to replace Dame Margaret Bazley) for a term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2008.

2. Public Excluded

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act are:

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

3. Significance of Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the Significance Policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. Background

The term of appointment of two Wellington Regional Stadium Trustees expires on 30 June 2005, at which time both will have served on the Trust for 5 years. The joint decision of the Mayor and the Chair of Greater Wellington, representing the two settlors, is that one should be reappointed and the other replaced.

The nature of the joint “ownership” interest in the Trust requires the two settlors to reach agreement on matters such as appointments. This is by discussion between the two parties rather than through the application of their respective appointment policies, which in any case do not coincide. For example, whereas Wellington City Council would normally enforce a maximum two term (6 year) tenure, Greater Wellington has adopted a more pragmatic policy that permits each case to be considered on its merits.

Following discussion between the settlors, represented by the Mayor and the Chair of Greater Wellington, agreement has been reached that one of the two Trustees whose term of appointment expires on 30 June 2005 should be reappointed and the other replaced. With input from a variety of sources both parties each prepared a shortlist of candidates for the vacancy created. The shortlists were discussed before a unanimous decision was reached on the preferred candidate for interview. Based on the outcome of that interview, this candidate is now being recommended for appointment.

5. Discussion

5.1 Reappointment of Michael Egan

Michael Egan is an experienced restaurateur and caterer and is a key member of the Trust’s Catering Performance Committee, which as its name implies oversees the quality of delivery of food and beverage to the Stadium’s clients, whether through its concourse outlets or its members/VIP lounges. This is a critical area of the Trust’s operations and the Chair believes it is important that Mr Egan remains on the Board to ensure continuity in the application of its review processes. This view is shared by both settlors. For this reason it is being recommended that Mr Egan be reappointed for a third term of 3 years.

5.2 Appointment of Liz Dawson

The two settlors have formed the view that Dame Margaret Bazley should not be reappointed. In consultation with the Chair, agreement was reached that the preferred replacement should be female, to maintain the existing gender balance on the Board, and that experience in PR and marketing, particularly in the sporting arena, would be a distinct advantage.

Having considered a number of candidates, both settlors have agreed on Liz Dawson as their recommended candidate. A brief resume of her CV is attached for information as **Attachment 1**. It is being recommended that Ms Dawson be appointed for a term of 3 years.

6. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that Council:

- a) receive the information*

- b) **agree** that Michael Egan be reappointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term commencing on 1 July 2005 and terminating on 30 June 2008
- c) **agree** that Liz Dawson be appointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a term commencing on 1 July 2005 and terminating on 30 June 2008

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Attachment 1: Resume of Liz Dawson

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