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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 David Bale as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a second term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2010.
- The appointment of Craig Sims as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee (to replace Peter Biggs) for a term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2010.

### 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 2007. The joint decision of the Mayor and the Chair of Greater Wellington, representing the two settlers, 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 2007 should be reappointed and the other replaced. Peter Biggs, the Trustee being replaced, is now resident in Melbourne and it is a condition of the Trust Deed that Trustees shall be residents of the region.

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 David Bale**

David Bale is an experienced businessman and was formerly Chief Executive of the Lotteries Commission. He is currently Chief Executive of Allied Farmers.

### **5.2 Appointment of Craig Sims**

The two settlors have formed the view that Peter Biggs should not be reappointed as he is now resident in Melbourne.

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

## 6. Recommendations

*The Committee recommends that Council:*

- 1) **Receives** the report
- 2) **Agrees** that David Bale be reappointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term commencing on 1 July 2007 and terminating on 30 June 2010
- 3) **Agrees** that Craig Sims be appointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a term commencing on 1 July 2007 and terminating on 30 June 2010

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Attachment 1: Resume of Craig Sims