

Finance and Operational Performance Committee

**Monday, 11 February 2008
Commencing at 9.30 am**

Item 2: Urgent Business

**Item 2A: Urgent Business - Justice and
Electoral Select Committee
Inquiry Into The 2007 Local
Authority Elections**

**SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND OPERATIONAL
PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL,
6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE,
ON MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2008,
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

2 URGENT BUSINESS

That the matter of Justice and Electoral Select Committee Inquiry into the 2007 Local Authority Elections be considered as Urgent Business because of the need for Council to ratify as soon as possible the submission made to the Select Committee which closed on 8 February 2008.



**2A JUSTICE AND ELECTORAL SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO THE 2007
LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to formally approve a submission to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee into the 2007 local authority elections.

BACKGROUND

The Justice and Electoral Select Committee recently announced that it is to hold an Inquiry into the 2007 local authority elections. The deadline for submissions was 8 February 2008.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry covers issues related to electoral systems and processes; representation; voter turnout and education.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The conduct of elections is a legislative requirement on the Council and at the heart of the Council's commitment to active democracy and participation by the community in civic life.

ISSUES

S1-S3

Attached at pages S1 to S3 is the submission made to the Select Committee last week. It covers those aspects of the Inquiry that the Council determined informally to comment on and now needs formal ratification. The submission follows the Terms of Reference set for the Select Committee.

The submission was approved by Councillors Clow and Clews prior to submission by the due date.

The submission is consistent with submissions being made by Local Government New Zealand and the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers.

It is not proposed to appear before and present to the Select Committee.

RESOURCES

Resources for the participation in the Select Committee Inquiry, including presentation before the Select Committee if that is considered appropriate by the Council, are provided for in the current Annual Plan.

CONCLUSION

The submission covers all the aspects of the elections that pertain to the Select Committee's terms of reference for the inquiry into the 2007 local authority elections. The Council is requested to formally approve the submissions. It is not proposed to appear before and present to the Select Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Justice and Electoral Select Committee Review into the 2007 Local Authority Elections report be received.
2. That the Council approve the submission for consideration by the Justice and Electoral Select Committee.

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