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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



3 SUBMISSION TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON AUCKLAND GOVERNANCE

GLOSSARY

Royal Commission on Auckland Governance (Royal Commission)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with a draft submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance (Royal Commission) for adoption, and to outline the consultation process the Council has been through.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council resolves to:

1. **Receive** the draft submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance report.
2. **Approve** the draft submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance subject to the incorporation of amendments agreed at this meeting.
3. **Direct** the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign off the final submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance incorporating any minor editorial changes.

BACKGROUND

1. On 30 October 2007, the Government established the Royal Commission, in part as a response to widely discussed views that the Auckland region's governance arrangements were less than ideal to carry the region into the 21st Century as a world-class city.
2. The Royal Commission is tasked to report back to the Governor General by 1 December 2008.

A1-A4

3. The Royal Commission's Terms of Reference are attached at pages A1 to A4. In particular the Royal Commission is to:

“receive representations on, inquire into, investigate, and report on the local government arrangements (including institutions, mechanisms, and processes) that are required in the Auckland region over the foreseeable future in order to maximise, in a cost effective manner,—:

- (a) the current and future well-being of the region and its communities; and*
- (b) the region's contribution to wider national objectives and outcomes”*

4. The Royal Commission has called for submissions from individuals and organisations. The final date for submissions is 22 April 2008.

DECISION MAKING

5. The draft submission canvasses many issues and makes recommendations to the Royal Commission on all of its terms of reference.
6. A process for hearing oral submissions will be set up by the Royal Commission in due course and Waitakere City Council will prepare appropriate representations in support of the Council's submission.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

7. It is impossible to overstate the strategic significance of the Royal Commission's work and of the matters raised in the draft submission. The Royal Commission's recommendations will have far reaching implications not only for Waitakere City Council, its functions, boundaries, and representation, but for the whole structure and governance of the Auckland region.

CONSULTATION

8. In the time available to undertake this task Council officers have researched, supported a number of Councillor workshops and have drafted a submission on Auckland Governance for the Council's consideration. The draft submission will be circulated under separate cover.
9. In this process the Council has discussed policy matters outlined in the draft submission at Council meetings and at several Councillor Workshops. There has also been consultation with Ethnic and Pacific Boards, and Te Taumata Runanga. The Council held a Public Forum on 5 April 2008 to canvass the proposals more widely.
10. Elected Members have also personally attended and presented information to many other groups.

11. The Community Boards have held public meetings in their areas, Te Taumata Runanga has participated in a community hui called by Te Whanau o Waipareira at Hoani Waititi Marae, and hosted two regional hui here in the Council Chamber at which the Chairman of the Royal Commission, the Hon Peter Salmon, attended one and responded to questions.
12. Resident and Ratepayer groups have also met and discussed the issues and many individuals and organisation have or will be making submissions.

RESOURCES

13. There are no immediate resource issues that cannot be managed within current budgets.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

14. There are no implementation issues attached to this report.

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