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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Committee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



3 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.



4 **APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
Auckland Region Economic Development Forum	(EDF)
Territorial Authority	(TA)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council representation on the Territorial Authority (TA) Political Network that supports the TA nominated representative on the Economic Development Forum (EDF).

BACKGROUND

The TA Political Network

The function of the TA Political Network is to provide political leadership and represent each council's interests and issues at the EDF. The TA Political Network meets quarterly before each EDF meeting to discuss issues and agree on priorities from a TA perspective. The nominated member will then represent the TA perspective at the EDF meeting.

The Regional Economic Development Forum (EDF)

The EDF operates as a twelve member standing committee of the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) and is thus chaired by the ARC. Members include representatives from the business sector, education, skills, economic development agencies, infrastructure providers, labour organisations, Maori and Pacific communities and the ARC.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This report supports Waitakere's Strong Innovative Economy Platform. The vision for this platform is that "*Waitakere is a place of innovative economic activities, providing local, quality work and development options for its people. Environmentally responsible businesses are supported and flourishing*". Council has worked successfully in the past to achieve these local outcomes through larger regional and national processes and agencies. It is important that Council is able to continue to leverage these opportunities through the new structures and processes that are described in this report.

ISSUES

The TA Political Network is made up of a councillor from each council in the Auckland region. It is expected that the nominated representatives on the TA Political Network will select one of their fellow councillors and an alternate to be the TA member on the Auckland Region Economic Development Forum (EDF).

At present, all councils in the region are represented on the EDF by one TA representative, Councillor Diane Hale, Deputy Mayor of North Shore City Council. It is expected that a TA representative will have been decided before the next meeting of the Economic Development Forum (EDF) scheduled for 11 December 2007.

It is anticipated that the TA representatives on the Economic Development Forum will be increased by two or more in 2008, ensuring a stronger TA voice. This issue is to be progressed by the TA Political Network and a proposal will be presented to the ARC in due course.

RESOURCES

There are no resources required for this project other than staff time.

CONCLUSION

The appointment of a councillor to the TA Political Network is required to provide political leadership and direction and set priorities for EDF projects and initiatives. Under the existing arrangements for TA representation, TA representatives will select a fellow councillor to represent all the TAs on the EDF.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Appointment of a Council Representative to the Economic Development Forum report be received.
2. That Council nominate a Councillor to the Territorial Authority Political Network with the tenure of office being effective within Council's current term.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

5 RECOMMENDATION FROM WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

That consideration be given to increasing the maximum amount to be spent on any one project from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for Community Board Minor Parks Projects.

