

## LATE AGENDA ITEM

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Paul Wylie  
**DATE:** 14 April 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Maori Advisory Group to LGNZ

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### PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council that Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is calling for:

1. **Registrations** of elected Maori Councillors who wish to enrol to vote for nominees to a Maori Advisory Committee to National Council of LGNZ
2. **Nominations** of elected Maori Councillors to stand for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council of LGNZ

Registrations and nominations must be received by *Local Government New Zealand* by 5pm Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### BACKGROUND

At the 2008 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting a remit was passed requiring Local Government New Zealand to:

1. Agree in principle to establish a group of Maori elected members to provide advice to the Local Government New Zealand National Council
2. Establish a working group comprising to bring a proposal to the Local Government New Zealand National Council for this group, in order to have it operational by 1 July 2009

A Working Group was established and National Council approved a proposal at its meeting of 27th March 2009. The resulting Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached and provide further details on the Committee.

### COMMENT/DISCUSSION

#### Registering to Vote

All elected Maori councillors from councils belonging to Local Government New Zealand are eligible to vote for representatives to the Committee. All elected Maori Councillors wishing to register to vote should complete the attached Enrolment Form. Registration forms must be received by Local Government New Zealand by 5pm Friday May 15th 2009.

### **Nomination of candidates**

All elected Maori councillors from councils belonging to Local Government New Zealand are eligible to be nominated for the Committee. Candidates can be nominated by a council or councils. Councils are not required to pass a resolution nominating a specific candidate; rather they may resolve to delegate to the mayor, chief executive, a sub-committee, or other appropriate person or group, the responsibility to nominate a candidate (however nominations from full Council will of course be accepted). Those wishing to nominate a candidate for the elections should complete the attached Enrolment Form. Nominations must be received by Local Government New Zealand by 5pm Friday May 15th 2009.

### **Timeframes**

Enrolments and Nominations must be received by Local Government New Zealand by 5pm Friday May 15th 2009. Voting papers will be issued by the end of May. Elections will close mid-June and results will be notified as soon as possible. The Committee can then be established and operational from July 2009.

### **OPTIONS**

As there are no elected Maori Councillors, there may be a Councillor with some Maori ethnicity who would like to put their name forward.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That no action be taken

### **Attachments**

1. Terms of Reference for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council
2. Enrolment Form: to vote in the election of a Maori Advisory Committee to National Council
3. Nomination Form: To stand as a candidate for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council