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Report to the Environment Committee
from Ted Maguire, Council Secretary

Environment Committee – Upper Hutt Representative

1. Purpose

To propose a process for appointment of an Upper Hutt Constituency Representative on the Environment Committee.

2. Background

In accordance with Council's resolution on 18 December 2001, nominations have been publicly invited for appointment of a person to represent the Upper Hutt Constituency on the Regional Council's Environment Committee. Council will recall that the appointment is being made because legislation does not allow a regional councillor to be a member of a committee that has regulatory functions and the one that is responsible for the Council's bulk water function. Cr Kirton is of course a member of the latter Committee. With a single member constituency such as Upper Hutt, Council's policy is to appoint a person with relevant local knowledge.

The advertised closing date for nominations is Friday, 15 February 2002. A list of nominations received will be tabled at the meeting.

Meanwhile, it is appropriate to consider a process for making the appointment. My suggestion is that candidates with a relevant background be interviewed by a sub-committee, comprising the Committee Chair and Deputy Committee Chair, together with the Divisional Manager Environment. The Sub-Committee's recommendation appointment should then be considered by the Environment Committee.

3. Communications

Once a decision is made, a suitable media statement should be released to media circulating in the Upper Hutt area.

4. Recommendation

That candidates seeking to represent the Upper Hutt Constituency on the Environment Committee be interviewed by a Sub-Committee, comprising the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair together with the Divisional Manager Environment and the Sub-Committee submit its recommendation to the Environment Committee for approval.

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