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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
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Appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for:

- the reappointment of Paul Collins as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2009.
- the appointment of Sir John Anderson as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee (to replace John Hunn) for a term of 3 years expiring on 30 June 2009.

2. Public Excluded

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act are:

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

3. Significance of Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the Significance Policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. Background

The term of appointment of two Wellington Regional Stadium Trustees expired on 30 June 2006. The joint decision of the Mayor and the Chair of Greater Wellington, representing the two settlers, is that one should be reappointed and the other replaced.

The nature of the joint “ownership” interest in the Trust requires the two settlors to reach agreement on matters such as appointments. This is by discussion between the two parties rather than through the application of their respective appointment policies, which in any case do not coincide. For example, whereas Wellington City Council would normally enforce a maximum two term (6 year) tenure, Greater Wellington has adopted a more pragmatic policy that permits each case to be considered on its merits.

Following discussion between the settlors, represented by the Mayor and the Chair of Greater Wellington, agreement has been reached that one of the two Trustees whose term of appointment expires on 30 June 2006 should be reappointed and the other replaced. With input from a variety of sources both parties each prepared a shortlist of candidates for the vacancy created. The shortlists were discussed before a unanimous decision was reached on the preferred candidate for interview. Based on the outcome of that interview, this candidate is now being recommended for appointment.

Normally appointments are made in June but due to the absence of Sir John Anderson, overseas until recently, this process has had to be delayed. The interview with Sir John Anderson was not held until 19th July, which explains the delay in getting this paper to the Committee. However, as the next meeting is not until September it was important that this matter should be considered by the Committee prior to that date.

5. Discussion

5.1 Reappointment of Paul Collins

Paul Collins is an experienced businessman and was formerly Chief Executive of Brierley Investments Ltd. He is currently Chair of the Stadium Trust, the Hurricanes and is on the board for the Rugby World Cup 2011. During his time as Chair of the Stadium Trust it has performed well, meeting its financial and other obligations. It is recommended that Mr Collins remains on the board to ensure continuity in the important position of Chair. This view is shared by both settlors. For this reason it is being recommended that Mr Collins be reappointed for a third term of 3 years.

5.2 Appointment of Sir John Anderson

The two settlors have formed the view that John Hunn should not be reappointed as he has now served six years as Trustee.

Greater Wellington utilised the Institute of Directors to shortlist candidates, three were interviewed.

Having considered a number of candidates, both settlors have agreed on Sir John Anderson as their recommended candidate. A brief resume of his CV is attached for information as **Attachment 1**. It is being recommended that Sir John Anderson be appointed for a term of 3 years.

6. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that Council:

- a) **receive** the information
- b) **agree** that Paul Collins be reappointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a third term commencing on 1 July 2006 and terminating on 30 June 2009
- c) **agree** that Sir John Anderson be appointed as a Wellington Regional Stadium Trustee for a term commencing on 1 July 2006 and terminating on 30 June 2009

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Attachment 1: Resume of Sir John Anderson

Sir John Anderson

Sir John Anderson recently retired as Chief Executive of ANZ National Bank, New Zealand's largest bank. Prior to that he was Chief Executive of National Bank and Southpac Merchant Finance. He was knighted in 1994.

He was recently appointed Chair of TVNZ and is also Chair of New Zealand Cricket.

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