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Recommendation from (agenda report)	Date of meeting	Recommendation to (decision-making meeting)	Date of meeting
Governance Committee	27 July 2017	Council	10 August 2017
Report Title and number			
Nelson Regional Development Agency – Board appointment – R7330			
Documents released			
Decision and report only, no attachments			
Decision			
Resolved /2017/001			
<p><i>That the Council Confirms the re-appointment of John Palmer as Chair of the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) for a further period of two years (until the 2019 NRDA Annual General Meeting.</i></p>			
Barker/Dahlberg			<u>Carried</u>

Nelson Regional Development Agency - Board appointment

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider options for appointing a chair to the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA).

2. Recommendation

That the Committee

Receives the report Nelson Regional Development Agency - Board appointment (R7330).

Recommendation to Council

That the Council

Confirms the re-appointment of John Palmer as Chair of the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) for a further period of two years (until the 2019 NRDA Annual General Meeting).

3. Exclusion of the Public

- 3.1 This report has been placed in the public excluded part of the agenda in accordance with section 48(1)(a) and section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The reason for withholding information in this report under this Act is to:

- Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person

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4. Background

4.1 The NRDA is a Council Controlled Organisation, with Council as the sole shareholder. Council therefore has sole responsibility for appointing directors to the board.

4.2 On 3 March 2016, Council resolved:

THAT John Palmer be appointed as Chair of the Nelson Regional Development Agency for a period of up to 20 months (until the 2017 NRDA Annual General Meeting), effective 4 March 2016, subject to his acceptance of the role;

4.3 Whilst Council usually makes board appointments for a period of three years, Mr Palmer had indicated at the time that he could only commit to a shorter time frame.

4.4 The Mayor has recently had contact with Mr Palmer, who has indicated that he is now able to extend his commitment by another 2 years.

5. Discussion

5.1 Council's Procedure for Appointment of Directors/Trustees of Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations allows for the re-appointment of directors subject to recommendation by the Group Manager Corporate Services or the Group Manager Community Services.

5.2 Mr Palmer has provided strong leadership to the NRDA since its establishment on 1 July 2016. The organisation is more focussed than its predecessor organisations, has clear priorities and the Board is working well as a team to provide good governance to the organisation. Mr Palmer is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and has previously chaired Air New Zealand and Solid Energy.

5.3 It is therefore recommended that Mr Palmer be appointed for a further two years as chair of the NRDA.

6. Options

6.1 Council can either confirm Mr Palmer's re-appointment or direct staff to identify a new chair.

6.2 The re-appointment would be consistent with Council practice of making three year appointments to boards, and would also signal to the NRDA that it is operating in line with Council's expectations.

6.3 If Council chose not to re-appoint Mr Palmer, it could either seek a chair from the existing Board members (and then have to recruit a replacement board member) or it could specifically recruit a chair. In either case there would be a cost to Council in conducting any recruitment.

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Attachments

Nil

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Important considerations for decision making
<p>1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• <p>Appropriate appointment of directors of Council Controlled Organisations supports the provision of good quality local public services.</p>
<p>2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy</p> <p>The recommendation in this report in relation to director appointment for Nelson Regional Development Agency Limited is aligned with the Nelson City Council policy "Procedure for Appointment of Directors/Trustees of Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations".</p>
<p>3. Risk</p> <p>There is limited risk to Council resulting from this recommendation.</p>
<p>4. Financial impact</p> <p>There is no financial impact on Council resulting from this recommendation. An alternative resolution would result in additional expenditure on recruitment consultants.</p>
<p>5. Degree of significance and level of engagement</p> <p>This matter is of low significance because it is appointing a director on a Board of a Council Controlled Organisation.</p>
<p>6. Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process</p> <p>Maori have not been consulted in preparation of this report.</p>

7. Delegations

The Governance Committee has the responsibility for considering all matters in relation to Nelson City Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations. The Governance Committee has the power to make a recommendation to Council on this matter.

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