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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy  
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### Stadium Trust - Appointment of Trustees

#### 1. Purpose

To advise the Committee of the results of the review of the Stadium Trust Board and to seek approval in relation to certain Trustee appointments to the Trust Board, with effect from 1 July 2004.

#### 2. Public Excluded

Grounds for exclusion of the public under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are *that the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the meeting would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exists i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons.*

#### 3. Background

On 5 August 2003 the Committee approved the following Stadium Trust Board to operate with effect from 1 July 2003:

Trustee	Term Expiry Date
Paul Collins (Chair)	30/6/06
Sir Ron Scott	30/6/04
Dame Margaret Bazley	30/6/05
Michael Egan	30/6/05
John Hunn	30/6/06
Peter Biggs	30/6/04
Ian Buchanan (GWRC representative)	October 04*
Chris Parkin (WCC representative)	October 04**

\* Ian Buchanan was re-appointed subsequent to the October 2001 Local Body Elections.

\*\*Chris Parkin was appointed subsequent to the October 2001 Local Body Elections.

#### 4. Status of the Review of Trust Board

As there were two Trustees whose terms expired on 30 June 2004 (Sir Ron Scott and Peter Biggs), officers decided that a review of the Trust Board should again be undertaken this year.

However, unlike previous years it was considered unnecessary to require the Chairman of the Stadium Trust (Paul Collins) to complete a detailed written assessment on each of the Trustees given that there had been no change to the Trust Board composition since 2002.

On 16 June 2004 I met with Mayor Prendergast, Barry Harris and Garry Poole and we agreed on a course of action, with respect to Trustee appointments, to recommend to our respective councils.

In accordance with that strategy the Wellington City Council (WCC) has since approved the reappointment of Peter Biggs for a three year term to 30 June 2007.

As the WCC has a policy of compulsory rotation for all of its Directors/Trustees after six years (two terms as a Trustee) it did not reappoint Sir Ron Scott as a Trustee of the Stadium Trust. This is consistent with what Paul Collins acknowledged in his letter to the Mayor and myself dated 28 May 2003, that Sir Ron's likely end date on the Trust could be 30 June 2004. (NB The Council's policy on appointment and remuneration of directors includes no such compulsory rotation policy).

I have since met with Paul Collins to discuss the performance of the Trust Board and he confirmed that Peter Biggs is making a sound contribution to the Trust and that Paul supports his reappointment. He noted that Sir Ron Scott continues to add strong value to the Trust, bringing a depth of knowledge and expertise, but acknowledged the WCC position on not reappointing Trustees after two terms.

Chief Executive Barry Harris has also met with Garry Poole to work through the candidate selection process followed by WCC, including WCC's database of potential candidates and also the database held by the Crown Company Monitoring Advisory Unit. Barry has advised me David Bale is, in his opinion, a suitable candidate to be considered by the settlers as a replacement Trustee for Sir Ron Scott.

I have subsequently met with David Bale to discuss his potential contribution to the Stadium Trust, and conclude that he would bring a range of skills and experience to the Trustee role. David's CV is attached as **Attachment 1**.

David's financial and strategic management background is extensive and reflects a high level of ability and achievement in difficult environments. His contribution to local trusts, and in particular the Festival of the Arts, give me confidence that he will add value to the mix of Trustees. David is personable and would, I believe, work well with the existing Trustees.

It is fair to say that I have concerns over the process and sequence of events associated with this review of Trustees and I believe a more comprehensive and measured approach is necessary in future. I have conveyed to Mayor

Prendergast the need for a joint consideration of Stadium strategic issues and, in particular, assessment and appointment of Trustees.

## **5. Acknowledgement of the service given by Sir Ron Scott**

Sir Ron Scott has been a significant contributor to the development and successful operation of the Westpac Stadium. He was one of the founding members on the Trust Board and has been the Deputy Chair since the Stadium opened.

Having Sir Ron associated with the Stadium has been important, particularly during the development of the Stadium but his contribution to the ongoing success of the Stadium should not be underestimated. While we will no doubt have other opportunities to do so, it would be appropriate in my view for the Council to acknowledge Sir Ron's contribution by way of formal Council resolution.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee recommend that Council:*

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.*
- (2) note that two of the current Trustees' terms expire on 30 June 2004.*
- (3) reappoint, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council, Peter Biggs as a Trustee for a term of a further three years to 30 June 2007.*
- (4) note that Sir Ron Scott has completed six years as Trustee of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust and, in accordance with Wellington City Council's policy on appointments, is required to step down from the Stadium Trust Board.*
- (5) appoint, in conjunction with the Wellington City Council, David Bale as a Trustee for a term of three years to 30 June 2007.*
- (6) acknowledge the significant contribution made by Sir Ron Scott during his tenure as a Trustee and Deputy Chairman of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.*

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**Attachment 1:** David Bale's CV