

Combined Community Boards' Information Session

AGENDA

Briefing Details:

Date: Tuesday 18 June 2024

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: **Zoom:**
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1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2. Review of the Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016

Reference Te Tohutoro: 24/855076

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Adam Eggleton, Senior Policy Analyst
Derek Roozen, Senior Parks and Policy Planner

1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 30 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	To update Community Boards on the review of the Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016 and gather any feedback Board members have at this point.
Confidentiality	The workshop and any shared information are not confidential.
Background	<p>Staff are currently reviewing the Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016. This bylaw is made under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Reserves Act 1977. A review within 10 years is required by legislation.</p> <p>The purpose of the bylaw is to provide for the orderly management and control of parks and reserves vested in, administered by or under the control of the Council for the benefit and enjoyment of all users of those parks and reserves.</p>
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bylaw has a significant role in authorising council to carry out certain management activities - e.g. the closure of reserves and the prohibition of certain activities. Initial analysis indicates the bylaw is largely working as intended and is an effective tool for staff. Issues that are currently being examined include the impact of updated legislation and bylaws, the uptake of e-scooters and e-mobility devices and the role of the bylaw in occupation-style protests.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to work our way through the review of the bylaw. The findings of the review and an amended bylaw will be presented to Council for adoption for consultation later in the year. We encourage community boards to make a submission when consultation opens.
Useful Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016 - https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/parks-and-reserves-bylaw-2016

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this coversheet.

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3. Community Board Engagement with LGNZ

Reference Te Tohutoro: 24/900861

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1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 30 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	This information session will provide insight from the recent survey on how Community Board Members interact with Local Government New Zealand.
Confidentiality	The workshop and any shared information are not confidential.
Background	<p>On 15 May a report (Item 12 – New Zealand Local Government Association Inc: payment of annual membership subscription) was due before Council to consider Council’s continued membership of New Zealand Local Government Association Inc (LGNZ).</p> <p>The executive summary of the report stated:</p> <p>3.1 The annual subscription renewal of the Council’s membership of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is due. This year’s renewal fee for membership is for the amount of \$163,254.75 plus GST.</p> <p>3.2 This report provides analysis to support the Council decision on payment or not of this year’s subscription. Should the Council decide not to renew its membership, it must comply with LGNZ’s constitutional requirement to give notice of resignation in writing. The Council will be required to pay a proportion of the membership fee up to the date the resignation takes effect (one month from notification).</p> <p>3.3 A number of the reasons for remaining a member are not readily quantifiable. Council’s decision should be based on an overall weighting of the merits of being a member of a body that advocates for local government weighed against the merits of undertaking direct advocacy on its own behalf. Being a member of an organisation such as LGNZ provides the benefit of collective advocacy but with reduced influence on the policy and advocacy positions. Alternatively, by not being a member Council may consider it can advocate more effectively and specifically on the issues important to the communities of the city and district, doing so as the South Island’s largest city.</p> <p>Pursuant to Standing Orders section 6.8 (withdrawal of agenda items), the Chairperson withdrew the report to allow additional time for feedback to be sought from the Community Boards before a Council decision.</p>
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from Community Board members interaction with LGNZ was sought, through the means of a survey, prior to Council considering whether or not to

	renew the annual subscription of the Council’s membership of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the survey will be provided to Councillors to inform their decision regarding continued membership of LGNZ. • Council to consider continued membership of New Zealand Local Government Association Inc (LGNZ).
Useful Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council report: Item 12 – New Zealand Local Government Association Inc: payment of annual membership subscription. • 15 May 2024 - Item 3.2.2 - Deputations by Appointment - Mayor Sam Broughton • Local Government New Zealand website homepage

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Memo

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Cc: Helen White, General Counsel
Reference: 24/967945

Community Board Members Interaction with LGNZ

Purpose of this Memo Te take o tēnei Pānui

- 1.1 Prior to Council considering whether to renew the annual subscription of the Council's membership of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), feedback from Community Board members on their interaction with LGNZ has been sought.
- 1.2 This Memo provides an overview of responses from a survey undertaken to gather information on board members interaction with LGNZ.
- 1.3 The information in this memo is not confidential and can be made public.

Update He Pānui

- 1.4 On 15 May a report (Item 12 – New Zealand Local Government Association Inc: payment of annual membership subscription) was due before Council to consider Council's continued membership of New Zealand Local Government Association Inc (LGNZ).
- 1.5 Pursuant to Standing Orders section 6.8 (withdrawal of agenda items), the Chairperson withdrew the report to allow additional time for feedback to be sought from the Community Boards before a Council decision.
- 1.6 In seeking feedback, staff have undertaken a survey to gather information on board members interaction with LGNZ.
- 1.7 A discussion with Community Board Chairs regarding Community Board Engagement with LGNZ will take place on 13 June.

Survey Results

- 1.8 A survey was sent to all 37 elected community board members, to gather information on board members interaction with LGNZ. The survey was sent on 30 May and closed at 5pm on Friday 7 June. The survey was not sent to councillors.
- 1.9 A total of 11 responses were received, this is a total of 30% of all community board members.
- 1.10 Responses were received from members of all six community board areas.

LGNZ Engagement

- 1.11 Of the 11 responses, nine community board members (24% of the total number of community board members) had engaged with LGNZ since October 2022.

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- 1.12 Two of the responders had not engaged with LGNZ since October 2022.
- 1.13 Four responders had engaged with LGNZ in previous terms (i.e. prior to October 2022).
- 1.14 Of the nine members who had engaged with LGNZ since October 2022:
- 6 had used the suite of LGNZ online resources.
 - 4 had attended online hui and webinars.
 - 3 reported attending a conference.
 - 3 had received advice.
 - 1 had received Chair's training.
 - 1 had attended a Zone meeting and participated in the Future for Local Government process.

What policy advice or advocacy support have you received or accessed from LGNZ?

- 1.15 Three responders had received policy advice or advocacy support from LGNZ, this included:
- *"...a useful meeting in the 2013-16 term".*
 - *"...the provision of confidential advice and provision of advice related to expected timely response from council staff regarding elected member questions".*
 - *"...what obligation a council has to adopt and promote central government / government organisations policy positions and strategies".*

What learning and support have you received or accessed from LGNZ?

- 1.16 Three responders reported having received or accessed learning support from LGNZ:
- One member had attended Chairs training (twice), as well as some advanced local government finance training.
 - One member reported having started some learning modules on the Akona platform and *"...have found them to be very good"*.
 - One member reported that they had received *"Very little, proactively"*.

Which LGNZ events and networking have you attended?

- 1.17 Three responders reported attending LGNZ network events:
- One member attended a conference in Methven.
 - One member will attend the infrastructure symposium in Wellington on 14 June.
 - One member attended a conference in 2011 and stated: *"It was not worthwhile"*.
 - One member reported attending Community Board online hui and three LGNZ Community Board conferences in the past. The responder *"found them all very valuable"*, the responder had also attended two LGNZ Young Elected Member hui and found them very valuable as well.

What resources or information pages do you use LGNZ website for?

- 1.18 There was one response:
- The LGNZ Good Governance Guides are used and found to be: *"...very helpful"*.
 - The LGNZ website is utilised to read information about the submissions LGNZ is making on various topics.

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- The responder stated that the “...Akona resources are fantastic and all elected members should be encouraged to use these resources to upskill”.

Is there any other individual support or services that you have you received from LGNZ?

1.19 No responders reported receiving individual support or services from LGNZ.

Do you have any other comments to make?

1.20 The following comments were made by seven of the nine responders:

- “Important EMs don’t confuse things they personally enjoy doing with things that are of benefit to their communities”.
- “I feel that LGNZ primarily benefits small Councils. I would rather a group focused on urban issues and which lobbied for metro councils' concerns to govt.

LGNZ really dropped the ball on Three Waters Heads of Agreement.

However, Sam Broughton is the best president in years”.

- “As a first term elected member, the online resources and various services of LGNZ has been very useful and helpful in understanding and performing my duties and role as a Community Board Member. One very important aspect of LGNZ's work is the establishment of a national Community Boards Executive Committee. It is important for the Community Boards to have one voice. LGNZ's online learning platform (Akona) is also a very useful tool in providing e-modules”.
- “I don’t find LGNZ to be a viable entity for us”.
- “LGNZ needs to be more future focused, be bold and look at whether councils and other TAs can be better supported in areas such as, making codes of conduct fit for purpose, exploring more efficient and productive ways to run a council from an elected members perspective - committees, information flow, information/admin support”.
- “LGNZ provides a heap of support for elected members and I would be disappointed to see us lose access to the resources provided, as well as the in-person learning and networking opportunities they provide. Our elected members should be given more of a push to make the most of the learning opportunities they provide, as the more we upskill, the better job we can do for our communities”.
- “I feel like update of the Ākona learning hub has been slow, and probably not as well promoted to elected members as it could be, but over time there'll be huge benefits from this.”

Summary

- 1.21 Nearly a quarter of elected community board members have engaged with LGNZ in the current term (since October 2022).
- 1.22 Responses to the survey indicate that the most valuable engagement (16% of all community board members) with LGNZ is through LGNZ's online resources, specifically the e-modules provided through the Akona online learning platform.
- 1.23 Networking events and conferences were not universally valued.
- 1.24 No responders reported receiving individual support or services from LGNZ.

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