

Economic Development Committee appointment

TO	Council
FROM	Ben Day - Deputy Chief Executive and Economic Development Manager
DATE	25 February 2015
SUBJECT	Economic Development Committee vacancy

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise of Bob Renton's resignation as a member of the Economic Development Committee and to seek endorsement for two new appointments to the Economic Development Committee.

2 Background

On 11 February the Mayor received Bob Renton's resignation as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Tairua-Pauanai Community Board Chair Renton's resignation noted that he considered it more appropriate if a Councillor with voting rights at the Council table filled the role.

The Economic Development Committee has recently recognised a further interest in pursuing the economic potential of the district's arts sector and wishes to strengthen its knowledge and experience in this area.

3 Issue

Under the Committee's terms of reference the membership of the Economic Development Committee is to be appointed by the Council (the Chairperson is to be appointed by the Mayor) and comprise the following, one of which will be the chairperson:

- Up to three elected members;
- Up to three Economic Development subject matter experts.

Under the Committee's terms of reference the Committee's quorum shall be no less than four members with elected members being at least equal in number of external economic development expert appointees. Under the current terms of reference in order for all members to actively participate and vote in a meeting it is important that all the available membership is appointed. Two reserve councillors were appointed in

The Mayor has nominated Councillor Brljevich to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Committee and recommends that Councillor Connors be an additional appointment to strengthen the Committee's knowledge and experience for working with the arts, events and tourism sectors.

4 Discussion

In order to appoint the additional member to the Economic Development Committee the Committee's membership within its terms of reference need to be amended to say "up to four elected members". The quorum within the current terms of reference can be still be maintained.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Economic Development Committee vacancy' report, dated 25 February 2015.
2. Notes the resignation from Bob Renton as a member of the Economic Development Committee.
3. Appoints Councillors Brljevich and Connors as members of the Economic Development Committee effective immediately.
4. Amends the Economic Development Committee's terms of reference to reflect membership of up to four elected members.