

## CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**MEETING DATE:** 3 May 2023

**TITLE:** Appointment of Directors to Central Economic Development Agency

**PRESENTED BY:** Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager

**APPROVED BY:** Donna Baker, Acting Chief Executive Unit Manager

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It is recommended that this report be considered with the public excluded, as permitted by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 under clause:

**s7(2)(a) Privacy - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person**

### RECOMMENDATION FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

The report and decisions, as outlined below, can be released to the public after Manawatū District Council also reaches the same agreement, and applicants and the CEDA Board have been advised of the outcome.

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### RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COUNCIL

1. That Council appoint Robbie Pickford and Katie Brosnahan to the Board of the Central Economic Development Agency for a period of up to three years subject to appropriate checks.
  2. That the decisions relating to the report titled 'Appointment of Directors to Central Economic Development Agency' presented to Council on 3 May 2023, be released to the public following notification of appointments to Directors and the CEDA Board.
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### 1. ISSUE

- 1.1 A selection process has been undertaken to seek director candidates for the Central Economic Development Agency ('CEDA') Board in accordance with the CEDA Appointment of Directors Policy 2023 ('Appointments Policy').
- 1.2 The Electoral College recommends Robbie Pickford for reappointment and a new appointment of Katie Brosnahan.

- 1.3 Both Palmerston North City Council and Manawatū District Council must now consider the appointment recommendations.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The shareholders of CEDA are Palmerston North City Council and Manawatū District Council.
- 2.2 A group of six Elected Members, known as the Electoral College, is responsible for recommending appointments of CEDA directors to the Councils. The Electoral College consists of the Mayor of Palmerston North City Council (Grant Smith) and Palmerston North City Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta, together with the Mayor of Manawatū District Council (Helen Worboys) and Manawatū District Councillors Michael Ford and Grant Hadfield.
- 2.3 Up to two director positions were advertised.
- 2.4 The CEDA Board requested that tikanga and mātauranga Māori skills be highlighted in the advertisement.
- 2.5 Twelve applications were received, and four candidates were subsequently shortlisted. Three candidates were interviewed as one of the shortlisted candidates withdrew their application prior to interviews taking place.
- 2.6 Applicants' resumes are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.7 On 1 March 2023 Council agreed to amend the CEDA constitution to allow for a minimum of 4, and a maximum of 6, directors. Appointing two directors will mean there are 6 directors.

## **3. NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1 In the event the Councils adopt the appointment recommendations set out above, reference checks and a police check will be undertaken.
- 3.2 Following this, the appointed members and unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.
- 3.3 The Electoral College also recommended that the CEDA Board consider the continuation of a co-opting of one of the other applicants who would bring te ao Māori to the board table. Accordingly, we will raise this when writing to the CEDA Board to advise of the successful appointments.

#### 4. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does Council have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	<b>No</b>
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	<b>No</b>
The recommendations contribute to Goal 5: A Driven & Enabling Council	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Governance and Active Citizenship.	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	By carefully considering appointments, Council will ensure that there is effective representation within the Council Organisations in which the Council has a financial interest or strategic interest. This will contribute to the desired outcome of an effective and responsible Council that excels in good governance.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. CEDA Board recommendation applications