

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 6 August 2025

TITLE: Appointments to Council-Controlled Organisations

PRESENTED BY: Hannah White, Manager Governance

APPROVED BY: Cameron McKay, General Manager Corporate Services

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 applicants and the Boards have been advised of the outcome.

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COUNCIL

1. That Council appoint Geoffrey Jameson as a Trustee on the Te Manawa Museums Trust Board for a period of two years.
 2. That Council appoint Chris Gallavin and Cameron Curd as Trustees on the Te Manawa Museums Trust Board for a period of up to three years, subject to the appropriate checks.
 3. That Council appoint Mark Mabbett and Kane Parsons as Trustees on the Regent Theatre Trust Board for a period of up to three years.
 4. That Council appoint John Adams as a Trustee on the Globe Theatre Trust Board for a period of up to three years.
 5. That the report and decision be released to the public following notification of appointments to the individuals and Boards.
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1. ISSUE

An appointment process has been undertaken to seek Trustee candidates for the Boards of Te Manawa Museums Trust, Regent Theatre Trust and Globe Theatre Trust, as a result of retirement of Board Members.

This memorandum sets out the recommendations of the Appointments Panel and seeks Council approval for the appointments.

2. BACKGROUND

In March 2025, Council approved that the positions in Table 1 be advertised and that an appointment process be initiated. Officers received a number of applications for the different positions as set out below, noting that five candidates applied for more than one position.

Council Controlled Organisation	Total Council vacancies	Number of applications	Numbers Shortlisted/ Interviewed
Te Manawa Museums Trust	3	9	5
Regent Theatre Trust	2	9	3
Globe Theatre Trust	1	7	2

The Appointment of Directors Policy sets out that a Panel's assessment of the candidates should take into consideration the candidates' sector experience; alignment with Council's objectives for that entity; the capacity of the individual to fulfil attendance requirements; succession planning; and particular skills identified by the Board including tikanga.

The Appointments Panel which shortlisted for the positions comprised of The Mayor (Grant Smith), Councillor Rachel Bowen, Councillor Vaughan Dennison and Chief Executive Waid Crockett. Interviews occurred on 16, 19 and 24 June 2025.

Te Manawa Museums Trust

Five candidates were shortlisted and interviewed including two co-opted Trustees who were applying to be considered as Council representatives.

The Panel recommends:

- That Geoffrey Jameson be appointed for a period of two years, to see the Science Centre project to fruition and to ensure future proofing; and
- That Chris Gallavin and Cameron Curd be newly appointed, subject to the appropriate checks.

Globe and Regent Theatre Trusts

Five candidates were shortlisted and interviewed.

The Panel recommends:

- The reappointment of Mark Mabbett and Kane Parsons to the Regent Theatre Trust Board; and

- The reappointment of John Adams to the Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Submitted preferred candidate CVs are attached.

3. NEXT STEPS

If Council adopts the appointment recommendations set out above, a Police check and reference checks for the new members will be undertaken, in accordance with the Appointment of Directors Policy.

Following this, the appointed and unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application. The Boards will then be advised of the successful appointees and the appointments made public.

The Mayor will also write to the boards of Te Manawa and The Globe to recommend the co-option of Gillian Lawn and Georgiana Taylor respectively. Both candidates had skills which would be valuable to these boards.

4. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does Council have delegated authority to decide?	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
<p>The recommendations contribute to:</p> <p>Whāinga 1: He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu</p> <p>Goal 1: An innovative and growing city and</p> <p>Whāinga 2: He tāone whakaihiihi, tapatapahi ana</p> <p>Goal 2: A creative and exciting city</p>	
<p>The recommendations contribute to the achievement of objective/objectives in:</p> <p>14. Mahere mana urungi, kirirautanga hihiri</p> <p>14. Governance and Active Citizenship Plan</p> <p>The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Governance systems and structures 	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social,	By carefully considering appointments, Council will ensure that there is effective representation within the

economic, environmental and cultural well-being	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.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. CV - Geoffrey Jameson
2. CV - Chris Gallavin
3. CV - Cameron Curd
4. CV - Mark Mabbett
5. CV - Kane Parsons
6. CV - John Adams