

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 22 May 2017

TITLE: Acting Chief Executive

DATE: 15 May 2017

AUTHOR/S: Grant Smith, Mayor, Office of the Mayor

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

s7(2)(a) Privacy

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council appoints, under section 42 (1) of the Local government Act, David Wright to the position of acting chief executive for a fixed term commencing 1 June 2017 until such time as the new chief executive commences employment.
 2. That the Acting Chief Executive be delegated all functions, powers and duties of the Council that are delegated to the chief executive.
 3. That the Council delegates authority to the Mayor to negotiate and conclude an employment agreement including remuneration for the period of employment.
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1. ISSUE

The Council is in the process of selecting a new Chief Executive. It is apparent that the process will not be concluded prior to the current Chief Executive, Paddy Clifford, employment concluding.

2. BACKGROUND

The Council delegated authority to the Mayor to appoint an Acting Chief Executive, provided it was a member of the present Management Team. Simpson Grierson has provided advice

that the Council cannot delegate the authority to appoint a Chief Executive and therefore an acting Chief Executive. Therefore irrespective of who is appointed only the Council can make the appointment. I am proposing that the Council appoints David Wright to the position of Acting Chief Executive for the period 1 June 2017 until such time as a new Chief Executive commences employment. Please note that David will commence employment on 23 May to have a handover period with the current Chief Executive.

3. NEXT STEPS

The Mayor will negotiate and conclude an employment agreement with David Wright .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Grant Smith
Mayor