

**Date:** Thursday 30 January 2014  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Reception Lounge  
**Venue:** Auckland Town Hall  
301-305 Queen Street  
Auckland

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## Governing Body

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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## Further Appointments to Outside Organisations

File No.: CP2013/25875

### Confidentiality

<b>Reason:</b>	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
<b>Interests:</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. In particular, the report contains the names of potential nominees.
<b>Grounds:</b>	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

### Purpose

1. To make nominations for appointment to two animal ethics committees, further to the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

### Executive Summary

2. Living Cell Technologies operates an animal ethics committee and a nomination for that committee is requested from the council in time for its next meeting on 11 February 2014. Meetings are held at its facilities in Papatoetoe.
3. All elected members have been invited to suggest names for nomination. Four local board members have expressed an interest in being nominated.
  - Neil Henderson, Waitakere Ranges Local Board
  - Tracey Kirkley, Henderson-Massey Local Board
  - Lyn Murphy, Franklin Local Board
  - Phelan Pirrie, Rodney Local Board
4. Some background on these is contained in the body of the report.
5. The appointment of the council's previous nomination to the Auckland Zoological Park animal ethics committee has expired and a nomination is requested from the council. Mr Bill Burrill is available for re-nomination.

### Recommendation/s

That the Governing Body:

- a) make a nomination for appointment to the Living Cell Technologies' Animal Ethics Committee
- b) consider Mr Bill Burrill for re-nomination for appointment to the Auckland Zoological Park Animal Ethics Committee

## Discussion

6. The Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) requires all organisations which use live animals for research, testing and teaching to have both a code of ethical conduct and an animal ethics committee. Each animal ethics committee is to consist of at least four members and one member must be a person appointed by the holder of the code of ethics on the nomination of a territorial authority or regional council.
7. This person must not be employed by, or otherwise associated with, the code holder. The nominee cannot be associated with the scientific community or an animal welfare agency. Such a person is essentially a lay person representing the community. The Act requires other members of the committee to include senior staff of the organisation, a veterinarian and a person appointed on the nomination of an approved organisation (such as NZSPCA). The intention of the Act is that the council nominee is seen to be neither predisposed to research nor animal welfare.
8. The Governing Body has previously considered requests for nominations in regard to animal ethics committees associated with the University of Auckland (Simon Randall was nominated) and with the Auckland Zoo (Bill Burrill had been previously nominated by a legacy council and this was noted by the Governing Body).

### Living Cell Technologies Animal Ethics Committee

9. A request for a nomination has been received from Living Cell Technologies, a biotechnology company based in Australia and New Zealand. The company is involved in research relating to type 1 diabetes, Parkinsons disease and Huntingtons disease. It is required to have an animal ethics committee and is seeking a nomination from the council.
10. The appointed member would be expected to attend a minimum of four meetings per year which are held at the company's facilities in Papatoetoe. In addition, some matters are dealt with between meetings on the basis of circulated material which members will be required to read and assess. There is a small allowance paid for this involvement (\$1,000 per year). The next meeting of the committee is on 11 February 2014.
11. The committee:
  - weighs benefits of the proposed research, teaching and testing protocol against the welfare cost to animals in considering applications
  - stipulates appropriate conditions
  - monitors compliance with approvals
  - monitors animal management and facilities
12. All elected members have been invited to consider forwarding nominations. Four Local Board members have offered to be nominated.
13. Neil Henderson, Waitakere Ranges Local Board, has a masters degree in zoology. Although he undertook research for the purposes of his degree, he is no longer associated with the scientific community or an animal welfare agency.
14. Tracey Kirkley, Henderson-Massey Local Board has had a keen interest in animal welfare and is a pet lover. She is not associated with the scientific community or an animal welfare agency and so is eligible.
15. Lyn Murphy, Franklin Local Board, has had experience on health and education related committees, including a health ethics committee. She has been actively involved in the International Society of Pharmacoeconomic and Outcomes Research, which could be deemed to be part of the scientific community, but is no longer involved. She is not associated with an animal welfare agency.

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16. Phelan Pirrie, Rodney Local Board, has been actively involved in community organisations and trusts. He is not associated with the scientific community or an animal welfare agency.

**Auckland Zoological Park Animal Ethics Committee**

17. At its meeting on the 23 June 2011, the Governing Body noted the appointment of Mr Bill Burrill to the Auckland Zoological Park Animal Ethics Committee until 31 May 2013. A nomination was not required at that time. Now that Mr Burrill's term has expired, the Zoo has asked for a further nomination. Mr Burrill is available to be re-appointed. Having already served on that committee he would bring previous experience and continuity to the appointment.

**Consideration**

**Local Board Views**

18. All elected members, including local board members, were invited to suggest nominations. Four local board members have offered their services. This matter is one of nomination of an individual to organisations which are regional (in the case of the Zoo) or national (in the case of Living Cell Technologies, though locally based).

**Māori Impact Statement**

19. There are no identified impacts on Māori.

**General**

20. There are no general issues.

**Implementation Issues**

21. Not applicable

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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