

11 Gender issues raised by the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

IMSB Member T Kake retired from the meeting at 4.40pm.

Deborah James, Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Auckland Council provided a PowerPoint presentation. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachments.

Resolution number COM/2018/18

MOVED by Cr J Bartley, seconded by Cr A Filipaina:

That the Community Development and Safety Committee:

- a) **note that the New Zealand Government ratified CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) in 1985 and will report to the United Nations on progress with the CEDAW goals on 12 July 2018, along with several non-government organisations;**
- b) **note that council has strategic commitments guiding work programmes which align with some of the CEDAW articles and goals;**
- c) **agree to receive progress updates to this committee every two years on work programmes which align with CEDAW goals.**
- d) **request officers prepare report concerning Auckland Council joining the Cities for CEDAW programme.**

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Attachments

- A 5 July 2018 Community Development and Safety Committee - Item 11 - Gender issues raised by the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - presentation

Community Development and Safety Committee

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the Elimination of Discrimination against
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Context

CEDAW – ‘International bill of rights for women’

Comprehensive goals covering economic, social, health, legal and education issues; marriage and family life; and political and public life

1985 – NZ ratified CEDAW

2018 - report to United Nations

2015 – Pacific Women’s Watch sought Council’s support for *City for CEDAW* programme

Key points in report

Council's commitment to gender issues is part of our strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, belonging and participation

Since 2015:

- refreshed Auckland Plan
- Inclusive Auckland framework
- Thriving Communities Action Plan
- Empowered communities approach

Appendix C – maps Council's commitments and work programmes to CEDAW goals

Governing Body, Local Boards and ELT have oversight of this work

NZ Treasury is starting to look at gender budgeting

Recommendations

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- Agree to receive progress updates to this committee every two years on work programmes which align with CEDAW goals.