

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 9 February 2023
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Ground Floor Boardroom
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Komiti mō te Ārai Mate Whawhati Tata me Te Raru Ohorere / Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee

OPEN ADDENDUM AGENDA

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Members	Cr Andrew Baker	Cr Greg Sayers
	Cr Mike Lee	IMSB Chair David Taipari
	IMSB Member Pongarauhine Renata	Cr Ken Turner
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(Quorum 4 members)

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File No.: CP2023/00517

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To endorse the appointment of one of the existing nominated recovery managers to the role of the Auckland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group's Recovery Manager for the January (and potentially February) 2023 Weather Event recovery, on an interim basis.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

Recovery Manager

2. The role of Recovery Manager for this unprecedented event is an extremely important appointment. The appointment is made under section 29 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002.
3. The appointee requires demonstrated skills and experience in high-level leadership, the workings of central and local government, the ability to influence across the range of sectors that will be involved in the Auckland recovery, and engaging communities. The appointment also requires certainty of at least 12 months.
4. It will therefore take time to make a suitable longer-term appointment to this role, but it is imperative that recovery planning begins immediately. Staff recommend that one of the existing nominated recovery managers be appointed to the role in the interim.
5. An existing recovery manager is suitably qualified and experienced person and is already appointed as a Recovery Manager. It is expected they will take on the role as interim Recovery Manager full time, stepping aside from their current role. In recognition of the scale and priority of recovery efforts, they will report to Jim Stabback, Chief Executive of Auckland Council as Recovery Manager.

Recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event

6. A weather system delivered torrential rain over large parts of the Auckland region on Friday evening 27 January 2023, and overnight. Significant flooding inundated homes, displaced families, closed roads, generated multiple slips, and disrupted power and other infrastructure across the region. A State of Emergency was declared on Friday 27 January 2023. The declaration was extended on Friday 3 February 2023.
7. The recovery required from this natural disaster is without precedent in Auckland. It will be complex and prolonged. Preparations for the transition from the response to the recovery are being advanced and a priority across the Auckland Council Group and partners organisations.
8. In addition, MetService Te Ratonga Tīrorangi has advised of a potential adverse weather event that may impact the Auckland region over the next seven days. A second event would add to the complexity of the recovery, which would address the impacts and consequences of both events.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee:

- a) endorse an existing nominated recovery manager to the role of Recovery Manager for the recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event and a potential adverse weather event (if it impacts the Auckland region) over the next seven days under section 29 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 for an interim period until a longer-term appointment is made to this important role.

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Horopaki Context

9. Under section 29 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, each group must appoint, either by name or of by reference to the holder of an office, a suitably qualified and experienced person to be a Recovery Manager.
10. The Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee has previously appointed a number of senior council staff who currently hold the role of Recovery Manager.
11. The recording of the committee's decision in the minutes of the meeting formalise the appointment under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and fulfil the requirements of that Act.

Tātaringa me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

Recovery Manager

12. The recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event is anticipated to be the most significant New Zealand recovery effort in recent years, requiring recovery activities across the social, economic, built and natural environments, in both urban and rural areas across the region.
13. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) guidance on the Recovery Manager role emphasises coordinating recovery activities, ensuring:
 - planning, prioritisation, and management functions are undertaken,
 - effective reporting mechanisms are in place,
 - government is informed of local and regional issues,
 - recovery resources are identified and obtained as required,
 - information is provided on the impact of the event on the affected area, and
 - emerging issues are identified, and solutions sought.
14. The guidance also identifies essential and desirable attributes in support of clarity of vision, collaboration, understanding the needs of people and their community's needs, leadership, relationships, and teamwork. Further, the Auckland context requires an understanding of Auckland specific legislation, and decision-making within complex governance (mana whenua and council) and (regional and local) frameworks. Relevant leadership experience at corresponding levels and scale, and familiarity with the design of regionally led - localised systems to address recovery priorities is also required.
15. The Recovery Manager appointee requires demonstrated skills and experience in high-level leadership, the workings of central and local government, the ability to influence across the range of sectors that will be involved in the Auckland recovery, and engaging communities.
16. Due to the complexity and severity of the event, the appointment also requires certainty of at least 12 months.
17. It will take time to make a suitable long-term appointment, but it is imperative that recovery planning begins immediately. Staff recommend that one of the existing nominated recovery managers be appointed to the role in the interim. An interim appointment enables the preparations underway for the recovery to scale up and be formalised.

18. An existing recovery manager is suitably qualified and experienced person and is already appointed as a Recovery Manager. It is expected they will take on the role as interim Recovery Manager full time, stepping aside from their current role. In recognition of the scale and priority of recovery efforts, they will report to Jim Stabback, Chief Executive of Auckland Council as Recovery Manager.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

19. The appointment of Recovery Manager under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 is not a decision that impacts on greenhouse gas emissions or approaches to reduce emissions.
20. The recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event may identify opportunities to provide additional benefit in the context of climate change.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera **Council group impacts and views**

21. The appointment of the Recovery Manager for the recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event supports collaborative effort across the Council Group to support Auckland's recovery.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe **Local impacts and local board views**

22. The impacts of the January 2023 Weather Event were experienced across the Auckland region and are of significant interest to local communities and their local boards.
23. The recovery will involve significant local board engagement.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori **Māori impact statement**

24. The financial implications for Auckland's recovery will be significant this will be captured through the financial reporting as necessary. The cost and budget funding details are yet to be finalised for this role. This, however, should not interfere with the above appointment of the Recovery Manager.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea **Financial implications**

25. The financial implications for Auckland's recovery will be significant this will be captured through the financial reporting as necessary. The cost and budget funding details are yet to be finalised for this role. This, however, should not interfere with the above appointment of the Recovery Manager.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga **Risks and mitigations**

26. The Auckland Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group is required to appoint suitably qualified and experienced Recovery Manager for recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event. This interim appointment enables a Recovery Manager to be in place immediately, whilst enabling a robust process to take place to find the most suitable longer-term appointee for this important role.
27. Risk management is applied in the disciplines of emergency management. Managing risk will be embedded in the recovery from the January 2023 Weather Event and a potential adverse weather event (if it impacts the Auckland region) over the next seven days, as it was in the response.

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Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

28. If this recommendation is accepted, this appointment will be noted in the electronic version of the Auckland Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Plan maintained in Auckland Emergency Management's web site.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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