

Report

To: Members of the Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group (ANCCG)
From: Catherine Harland, Independent Chair
Subject: Local Board and Community Representation Update
Date: 29 May 2019

1. Recommendation

That Members of the ANCCG provide feedback on:

- (a) holding or deferring the 2 December 2019 meeting, and confirming which Council staff members should be contacted to facilitate the elected member appointments post the October local body elections; and
- (b) the timing for seeking applications for Community Representatives.

2. Purpose and context

The Terms of Reference for the ANCCG are set out in Designation AIAL 1100 – Attachment A. Amongst other matters it sets out the purpose of the Group:

To consider, and where appropriate make recommendations to Auckland International Airport Limited (“AIAL”), on aircraft noise issues and concerns that arise from the operation and activities at Auckland International Airport (“Airport”)

and the Membership of the Group.

Local Board and Community Representatives are appointed for the same period as the local body electoral term, that is three years (see General section, paragraph 5). With the local body elections set to occur in October 2019, there is a need to consider the appointments process and meeting schedule post that date.

3. Representation requirements

Local Board

Selection of Local Board representatives is on the basis of

“one Representative on behalf of each of the Local Boards namely, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa, Howick, Franklin, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Albert-Eden, Puketāpapa, Whau, Ōrākei, Waitākere Ranges and Papakura”

The appointments can be formally made at the first business meeting after the swearing in meeting for new or re-elected Local Board members. That typically occurs in December after the October elections although in some cases appointments may not be considered until February the following year.

Members of the ANCCG may act by representative (see Meeting Procedure, paragraph 5). In the case of Local Board members, that has widely been interpreted as providing for the appointment of an alternate Local Board member in circumstances where the appointee is unable to attend. The Terms of Reference are silent on whether a Local Board can appoint a person other than an elected member to serve as its Representative, however that would be unusual and may not provide an efficient feedback mechanism into the Board.

Auckland Council is responsible for any payments made to the Local Board representatives.

Community Representatives

Selection of Community representatives is on the basis of

“two Community Representatives, one of whom must live within the Aircraft Noise Areas.”

The Community Representatives are appointed by

“the majority of the Chairperson, the Council Representative and one AIAL Representative. Applications are to be made in writing and will be called for by way of a notice on the internet and an advertisement in both the New Zealand Herald and the Manukau Courier.”

Note: The Term 'Council Representative' refers to Auckland Council's Governing Body Representative.

When the Community Representative who lives within Auckland Airport's Aircraft Noise Areas is unable to attend a meeting, any alternate representative appointed must also live within the Aircraft Noise Areas.

AIAL is responsible for any payments made to Community Representatives in return for their services to the Group.

Meeting frequency and Quorum

The Terms of Reference indicate the ANCCG *“will meet at least every three months”* and the quorum consists of

“at least 6 people including three Local Board representatives, one Board of Airline Representatives of New Zealand representative, the Airways Corporation representative and one AIAL representative.”

4. Issues for consideration

A quarterly meeting has provisionally been set for 2 December 2019 however it may not be logistically possible to achieve a quorum, unless Local Board appointments are made in November 2019. Two options present themselves:

- (1) write to the relevant Council officers (e.g. Phil Wilson, Governance Director and Louise Mason, General Manager Local Board Services) to request that appointments to the ANCCG be considered as part of the first round of appointments at November Local Board meetings; or
- (2) cancel the December meeting and hold the first ANCCG meeting in February 2020.

Local Board ANCCG members in particular are invited to comment on the above, noting that a letter will need to be sent alerting Council officers to the need for the appointments to be made.

In relation to Community Representatives, the Terms of Reference do not restrict current Community Representatives from being appointed for subsequent terms and are silent on the timing of the process for seeking applications to serve. ANCCG members are invited to comment on how best to progress the Community Representative appointments.