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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 19 April 2012  
**Report Author:** Community Services Manager  
**Subject:** Kahurangi Employment Trust (KET)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Kahurangi Employment Trust (KET) for this Council to appoint a representative on it's Board of Trustees. The current Board is Cr Ali Boswijk, Cr Eric Davey, Andy Clover and David Agnew.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1 That this report be received.
- 2 That Council appoint a representative to the Kahurangi Employment Trust's Board of Trustees.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Community Services Committee:**

- 1 **Receives the Kahurangi Employment Trust Report RCS12-04-01; and**
- 2 **Agrees to appoint xxx as a representative on the Kahurangi Employment Trust's Board of Trustees.**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

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## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The KET was formed by both Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council in 1997.
- 2.2 At that time there was very high unemployment and the Trust operated government employment schemes that were not available to commercial entities.
- 2.3 This included forestry schemes and possum control largely in the Tasman District.
- 2.4 Over time much of the Trust's activities became focused on the Nelson City area culminating in Tasman District Council withdrawing from the Trust in 2005.

## **3. PRESENT SITUATION/MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 Although the nature of the labour market sector continues to fluctuate, there is still very much a need for an organisation dedicated to providing an environment that supports people who are at a disadvantage within the labour market.

- 3.2 KET represents both areas of Tasman and Nelson through their social wellbeing/community partnerships and environmental issues.
- 3.3 KET has been operating the Revive Reuse Shop from the Tasman District Council's Richmond Transfer Station since 2002.
- 3.4 When the facility was reconfigured a little over a year ago, Revive was relocated to new premises, owned by Tasman District Council, under a five year lease.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 Currently Tasman District Council does not automatically provide grants to the Trust on an annual basis.
- 4.2 The Trust can apply for Grants from Rates under the Employment Initiatives section.
- 4.3 Obviously there is a contract in place between the Trust and Council's Engineering department for the running of the Revive Reuse Shop.

#### **5. OPTIONS**

- 5.1 (Option 1) – agree to the request from the Trust and appoint a representative from Tasman District Council to the Kahurangi Employment Trust's Board of Trustees.
- 5.2 (Option 2) – to decline the request to appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees.

#### **6. PROS AND CONS OF OPTIONS**

- 6.1 **Option 1** would signal Tasman District Council's continued support of the Trust. However, the appointed representative would be required to devote time to the affairs of the Trust.
- 6.2 **Option 2** could provide a negative response in that the Trust operates some of its activities within the Tasman District and yet Tasman District Council is not represented on the Trust.

## 7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 **Option 1** needs to be considered carefully as there is potential for growth for Revive in Tasman.
- 7.2 Along with being a key department of the Trust from an employment perspective, Revive benefits the Tasman region on two other important fronts being:
- Diverting significant volumes of waste from landfill thus adding to Tasman District Council's commitment to zero waste.
  - Providing affordable household goods for Tasman residents that may find normal retail outlets beyond their means.
- 7.3 **Option 2** would mean that the Trust continues to operate as it has since 2005 and at the same time continues to operate successfully within the Tasman District.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

- 8.1 This is not a significant decision according to Council's significance policy.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION/S

- 9.1 That this report be received.
- 9.2 That Council appoint a representative to the Kahurangi Employment Trust's Board of Trustees.

## 10. TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS

- 10.1 If the Committee agrees to appoint a representative to the Trust, the appointment would be notified to the Trust and in turn they would provide the appointee of their meeting schedule.

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