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Minute of Decision

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Appointments to the Board of the Auckland Transition Agency: Decisions by Group of Ministers

Portfolio: Local Government

On 25 May 2009, Cabinet:

noted that on 6 April 2009, Cabinet agreed to the appointment of an independent, highly skilled Board to implement the new local governance arrangements for Auckland [CAB Min (09) 12/8];

2 noted that on 18 May 2009 Cabinet:

2.1 noted that the Minister of Local Government had withdrawn the submission tabled at Cabinet on appointments to the Board of the Auckland Transition Agency;

2.2 invited the Minister of Local Government to give further consideration to the proposed appointments, in consultation with the Prime Minister, and other Ministers as appropriate, and to report back to Cabinet;

[CAB Min (09) 17/19]

noted that the Prime Minister authorised the following group of Ministers to have Power to Act to consider the appointments to the Board of the Auckland Transition Agency: Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister for Economic Development, Minister of State Services, Minister of Transport and Minister of Local Government;

4 noted that on 21 and 22 May 2009 the group of Ministers referred to in paragraph 3:

4.1 noted that the Board's purpose is to design, establish and manage the transition to the new core local governance arrangements for Auckland by October 2010, and maintain oversight of existing council services, projects and responsibilities during the transition period, to ensure alignment with the new arrangements, as agreed by Cabinet on 6 April 2009 [CAB Min (09) 12/9];

4.2 noted the intention of the Minister of Local Government to appoint Kenneth Mark FORD as Executive Chair of the Board of the Auckland Transition Agency, commencing on the date of appointment and expiring at the close of 31 October 2010;

4 3 noted the intention of the Minister of Local Government that Mr Ford be paid \$540,000, plus a bonus of up to 10% per annum in recognition of the magnitude and complexity of change proposed for Auckland, and the exceptional skills and expertise required to achieve significant rationalisation to core structures by October 2010;

4 4 agreed that the Executive Chair's salary be made available from the direct costs of managing the transition;

4 5 noted that to manage a potential conflict of interest, Mr Ford will resign from his position as Chief Executive of Watercare, and to also resign from the position of Chair of Auckland Regional Transport Authority;

4 6 noted the intention of the Minister of Local Government to **appoint** the following people as members of the Board for terms commencing on the date of appointment and expiring at the close of October 2010:

4 6 1 Miriam Rose **DEAN**;

4 6 2 John Anthony **WALLER**;

4 6 3 John Raymond **LAW**;

4 6 4 Wayne **WALDEN**;

4 7 noted that no actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest of relevance to these appointments have been identified;

4 8 noted that the Board will be responsible for the appointment of an interim Chief Executive;

4 9 agreed that the per diem fees for Board members are up to a level no greater than \$1000 per day;

5 noted that the Executive Chair will be accountable to the Minister of Local Government and to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Transport;

6 noted that the Minister of Local Government publicly announced the appointments to the Board of the Auckland Transition Agency on Friday 22 May 2009, following consideration by the group of Ministers in paragraph 3

Rebecca Kitteridge
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Secretary's note: The Minister of Local Government will provide the Cabinet Office with a revised version of the curriculum vitae form for Mark Ford, with the remuneration figure corrected

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