SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 MAY 2013

AGENDA ITEM C2

PROPOSED INCLUSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT LICENSING AGENCY

Purpose of Report

To inform Councillors of the proposed inclusion of two Councillors (currently sitting as members of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Project Team) onto the District Licensing Agency.

Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Council:

- 1. Receives the information.
- 2. Amend the Council's delegations for the District Licensing Agency to include Councillor Vivian Napier and Councillor Julie Riddell.

1. Discussion

The Council is in the process of transitioning from the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Part of this process is managing the transition from the current District Licensing Agency (DLA) to the new District Licensing Committee (DLC) which must be in place by the 18 of December 2013.

From 18 June 2013 to 17 December 2013 the DLA will continue to consider liquor licence applications under the old Sale of Liquor Act, but it will also be required to consider the criteria in the new Act which expands the current criteria to include:

- The object of the Act e.g., whether the licence is likely to increase alcohol-related harm
- Whether granting the licence will negatively impact the community and neighbourhood.

As part of the DLA Councillors Napier and Riddell would have the opportunity to become familiar with the new criteria to assist Council's project team and the regional working party.

1.1 Legal Implications

Section 99 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 of the Act states that the District Licensing Agency is governed by the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

1.2 Financial Considerations

Money has been allocated in the Draft Annual Plan 2013/14.

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