

7. Update on Evaluation of Options for the Old Harbour Board building and Referendum

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update recommendations on item 7 of Council's Agenda - Update on Evaluation of Options for the Old Harbour Board Building and Referendum. Staff have now received advice from the Electoral Officer and reviewed the question with Council's legal Adviser. As a result there are changes to the original recommendation.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolves that the referendum
 - a. commence on 10 March 2015 and finish on 5 June 2015
 - b. be conducted using the First Past the Post electoral system
 - c. be conducted using postal voting; and
 - d. affect all of Council's District.
2. Direct the Electoral Officer to conduct the referendum as resolved in 1 above.
3. That the question and options statement be:
 - Which of three options for the future of the Old Harbour Board Building at the Whangarei Town Basin do you support?
 - This is a binding referendum however if either Option A or Option B is the preferred choice such proposal must have secured the remaining capital funding by 30 June 2017 to enable it to proceed.
 - Tick ✓ the circle next to the option you want to vote for:
 - Option A – Development of the building for the Harbourside Project
 - Option B – Development of the building for the Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Art Centre
 - Option C – Demolition of the building.