

9. MAYOR'S OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The Chairman reported:

The Mayor will be overseas from 26 May to 19 June. The purpose of his travel is as follows:

1. To attend a Bertelsmann conference in Finland.
2. To attend the service in St Paul's Cathedral commemorating the 150th anniversary of the departure of the first Canterbury Association settlers.
3. To return a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Le Quesnoy.
4. To visit urban redevelopment projects in Scotland.
5. To visit high-tech industry development in Ireland.

It is appropriate for the Mayoress to accompany the Mayor to represent our city at so significant an occasion as the service in St Paul's. The Bertelsmann Foundation will cover the Mayor's return airfare to Finland. The balance of the Mayor's costs can be covered within the Mayor's travel budget for 1999-2000. The cost of the travel and accommodation for the Mayoress will be approximately \$5,000.

Recommendation: That the Council meet the costs of the travel of the Mayoress as outlined above.