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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. BRISBANE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT – 15 NOVEMBER 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to retrospectively confirm the attendance of Councillor Withers at the Brisbane Affordable Housing Summit.

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2001, Councillor James and officers attended the Australasian Housing Institute Conference in Brisbane. As a precursor to the conference, the Council group met with representatives of the Brisbane City Council and a number of other Australian Council representatives who were also registered for the conference. This has enlarged our network of social housing providers and hence we are on a broader circulation list administered by the Brisbane City Council.

The forum is a joint initiative of the Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Department of Housing and the Property Council of Australia (Qld).

The summit is focussed on finding solutions to the financing of affordable rental housing (in Australia) at a time when such housing is rapidly being lost and national research and federal policy is being explored and/or being developed; a similar situation exists in New Zealand.

This one-day event will bring together key international, national and local speakers from the development and housing industry, investment and banking, government and community sectors. Speakers include Mr Brendan Crotty (Australand), Professor Mike Berry (RMIT/National Affordable Housing Research Consortium) and Mr Bill Kelty (Director Australian Retirement Fund and Director Industry Funds Investment).

Summit organisers are excited to have been successful in securing a key keynote speaker – world renowned United States expert – Mr Charles R Kendrick Jr.

As founder of Clarion Ventures, Limited Liability Company, Mr Kendrick is currently involved in attracting debt and equity capital to urban communities; providing strategic advice to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and expanding new companies specialising in urban retail projects, CRA financial instruments and inner-city business development.

Topics to be addressed include:

- New models for financing affordable housing – United States of America.
- Examples of good practice – Australia and elsewhere.
- Private sector involvement in affordable housing – what does it take?
- Making it happen – actioning a cross-sectoral response.

Councillor Withers will be accompanied by Kevin Bennett, City Housing Team Leader. They will travel to Brisbane Thursday 14 November, returning Sunday 17 November.

**COSTS**

All costs will be met from the Housing Development Fund (Policy and Research) and not from rates.

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Estimated costs are as follows:

Return airfares	\$670.00
Taxes	\$130.00
Registration	\$140.00
Meals/transport/incidentals	\$200.00
Accommodation	Nil private)
Total	NZ <u>\$1,140.00</u>

A meeting allowance for Councillor Withers will also be payable for 15 November.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Council retrospectively confirm the attendance of Councillor Withers at the Brisbane Affordable Housing Summit.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.

**CONSIDERED THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2002**

**MAYOR**