

4. NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, 26-28 NOVEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Chair of the Housing Subcommittee, Councillor Carole Anderton, and the Chair of the Community and Leisure Committee, Councillor Graham Condon to attend the National Housing Conference 2003 to be held in Adelaide, Australia, from 26–28 November 2003.

BACKGROUND

The Christchurch City Council is the second largest landlord in New Zealand behind Housing New Zealand, with a proven record of progressive housing delivery including partnerships.

Councillor Anderton has chaired the Housing Subcommittee (and previously the Housing Working Party) for some six years, and has been instrumental in putting in place a number of housing initiatives including the Memorandum of Understanding with Housing New Zealand and the Aranui Community Renewal Project.

The Adelaide Conference “Housing Futures”, has been co-ordinated by the South Australian Department of Human Services and the Australian Housing and urban Research Institute, focussing on the future for the housing system over the next 10–20 years.

The conference programme has been designed to incorporate the diversity of issues and interests in housing – from planning and design, to financing, government policy and beyond. The innovative ways in which communities are meeting the emerging challenges of housing supply and affordability are also a focus.

Details of the 2003 conference are laid on the table.

COSTS

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

Estimated costs are as follows:

Airfares	1856.00
Registration	650.00
Accommodation (4 nights at \$170)	680.00
General expenses	<u>400.00</u>
Total Cost, per person	<u>3,586.00</u>

The conference will provide an opportunity for Council representatives to see/hear about/discuss new social housing initiatives/developments first hand and to network with industry leaders of our nearest neighbour.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the attendance of Councillors Carole Anderton and Graham Condon, at the National Housing Conference 2003, to be held in Adelaide, Australia from 26–28 November 2003.

(Note: Councillors Graham Condon and Carole Anderton took no part in this item.)