

7. NATURAL STEP - MINI-CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to seek confirmation of the action taken by the Committee in granting approval for a number of Councillors to attend a mini conference on sustainable business practices.

The mini-conference, which was hosted by the Natural Step Foundation and the Sustainable Business Network (Southern) was held at the Copthorne Hotel on Wednesday 19 November 2003 and was arranged at short notice to take advantage of the presence of a number of keynote speakers who were in the country for a Sustainable Business Conference in Auckland. In view of the timing of the conference it was not possible for Council approval to be obtained for elected member attendance. Given the importance of the topic and the calibre of the speakers, it was considered appropriate for those Councillors interested in sustainability issues to be given the opportunity to attend the conference.

The Committee gave approval for Councillors Anderton, Buck, Harrow, Stewart and Williams to attend the Natural Step Mini-Conference. The cost to the Council was \$48.00 per person.

Recommendation: That the action taken be confirmed.