



25. 9. 2003

**REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - TIMARU

The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Councillor attendance at the above conference.

The conference is being held in Timaru on 25 and 26 September. Because advice about the conference was not received in time it was not possible for Council approval to be obtained for elected member attendance.

Given the significant role that this Council plays in economic development, the relevance of the programme and the calibre of the speakers, it was considered appropriate for this Council to have a presence at the conference.

Councillors Anderton and Harrow represented the Council on this occasion. The cost to the Council was \$250 per person for the registration fee plus one night's accommodation for Councillor Harrow.

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Recommendation: That the action taken be confirmed.

CONSIDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2003

MAYOR