

7. COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE – DUNEDIN, MARCH 2005

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The purpose of this report is to have the Board consider the appointment of members as delegates to attend the 2005 Community Board Conference to be held in Dunedin in March 2005.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

At the Board Chairpersons and Community Advocates Forum on 2 July 2004 it was generally agreed that a maximum of two members from each Board should attend. The Community Advocates are to provide support staff.

The conference programme is expected to be available soon. Issues affecting or raised by the community board sector are dealt with by the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee as part of its annual work programme. However, there may still be matters requiring a vote(s) to be taken at the Conference and the delegates will require the Board's authority to participate in any decision making.

DETERMINING ATTENDANCE

Although the Conference is still some months away it is prudent, from a planning point of view, to ensure that accommodation is booked at this stage. A Board resolution now should enable these bookings to be made.

Because the Conference occurs within the next term of the Board it would seem appropriate that any resolution on attendees is a matter that should be referred to the incoming Board.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board resolve that two members, as delegates, attend the March 2005 Community Boards' Conference in Dunedin.
 2. That the decision regarding who should represent the Board be a matter for the incoming Board.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.