

9. HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Board Member Steve Lowndes at the Health Impact Assessment Conference to be held in Wellington on 27th June 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Health Impact Assessment is a practical approach for promoting wellbeing and public health through a participatory process that assesses proposed projects policies or programmes for their broad health impacts. It assists policy makers and planners who are working towards a healthy and well population.

The conference will provide an opportunity to:

- o Critically review progress to date within transport, energy, urban design, housing, environment, social and local government sectors
- o Discuss the future of HIA in New Zealand

Mr Lowndes is the Board's representative on the Rural Canterbury Primary Health Organisation and is a member of VDS. He has been asked to attend this conference and participate in the panel discussion as it holds relevance for his involvement in both the aforementioned organisations. He would be attending the "Progressing HIA in Local Government" workshop.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal considerations.
4. The total cost for Mr Lowndes to attend would be around \$560, which would be met from the Board's operational budget for 2005/06. (A budget of \$6,000 was allowed for Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board members to attend conferences for the 2005/06 year, of which none has been expended) The cost includes the \$175 conference registration fee, approximately \$250 for return flights and \$140 for one nights' accommodation. (Because of the early starting time for the conference it would be necessary to fly up the previous day.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board gives consideration to the approval of the attendance of Steve Lowndes at the Health Impact Assessment Conference, in Wellington on 27th June 2006.