

13. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2009

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek funds from each Community Board to enable planning to begin for the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2009 which is being hosted by the Christchurch City Council, and to nominate two members from each Community Board to be part of the Planning Committee which will be chaired by Deputy Mayor Councillor Carole Evans.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At a meeting of the Board Chairpersons and Staff Forum, held on 23 June 2006, it was suggested that the Christchurch City Council make an application to host the Community Board Conference for 2009.
3. The Council approved on 31 August 2006 the Christchurch City Council putting forward a bid to host the 2009 Community Boards' Conference. This bid was successful.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. It was intended that costs of the conference will be covered by registration fees and various sponsors for events. These costs include a professional conference organiser, venues and the activities in the Conference programme. The Council's Civic and International Relations team will provide advice on protocol and city activities in the programme. A budget of up to \$14,000 will be required to cover deposits for venue bookings and engaging a professional organiser. Based on the conference hosted by the Dunedin City Council in 2005, it is anticipated that approximately 200 persons will attend.
5. The Chairs from each of the City Community Boards suggested that the Community Boards may allocate \$2,000 from their discretionary funds and the Banks Peninsula Boards allocate \$1,000 each. This will provide funding for \$14,000. In addition, the Secretariat Unit will seek approval from the Council to budget for an additional \$15,000 in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan in the event of any shortfall arising.

PREFERRED OPTION

6. That the Board agree to allocate \$2,000 from its 2006/07 discretionary fund for the planning of the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference in 2009.
7. That the Board nominate two members to be on the 2009 Community Board Conference planning committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Agree to allocate \$2,000 from its 2006/07 discretionary fund for the planning of the 2009 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference to be held in Christchurch
- (b) Nominate two members to be on the 2009 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference Planning Committee.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

It is important that the Board is represented on the local Planning Committee.