

14. NEW ZEALAND LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE 2011 – BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a number of Riccarton/Wigram Community Board members to attend the 2011 New Zealand Local Boards and Community Boards Conference in Rotorua on 5 to 7 May 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The conference is being held in Rotorua from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 May 2011. The theme for the conference is 'Communities on Board – The Changing Face of Community Governance' and will reflect on boards' relationships, communications and advocacy with their communities, as well as considering the implications of the establishment of Auckland's 'super city' on communities throughout New Zealand Boards (**Attachment 1**).
3. The programme includes key-note speakers and inter-active workshops hosted by experts, and the presentation of the Best Practice Awards in recognition of community board projects and initiatives which have made a difference.
4. On 17 August 2010 this Board made a recommendation to the incoming Board to:
 - (a) *consider submitting an entry or entries to the New Zealand Community Boards' Best Practice Awards 2011 by 4 February 2011 and*
 - (b) *that the following projects be put forward as suggestions that the incoming Board may wish to consider: Mandeville Park Mural, Riccarton Service Centre relocation, C L Smith Fountain Restoration, 24/7 Youth Workers, Zebedees Night Club for Youth, Halswell Domain extension, or Riccarton High School Cycle Bubble Project*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The conference registration cost for each appointed delegate is \$591 excluding GST, noting this is the earlybird rate until close of business on 4 March 2011. The standard registration from 4 March 2011 will be \$676. In addition, accommodation and airfare costs will be in the order of approximately \$350 and \$300 respectively, per person.
6. The Board's 2010/11 remaining operational budget of \$3,632.67 has the necessary conference and training funding available to fund two Board members to attend.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

7. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. There are no direct legal implications involved. A Community Board resolution is required for expenditure for attendance of Board members at conferences.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to approving the attendance of a number of Board members to the 2011 New Zealand Local Boards and Community Boards Conference in Rotorua from 5 to 7 May 2011.