

## 9. URBAN ECOLOGY WORKSHOP – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Board Chairperson Paula Smith to attend the Urban Ecology Workshop held at Lincoln College on 18 and 19 November 2009.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Urban Ecology Workshop was part of a broader research symposium hosted by the Society of Landscape Architects. The workshop was focused on *“the role of urban ecology and design in dealing with social climatic, economic and biodiversity crises in a rapidly changing world”* and included a half day field trip to Christchurch city.
3. Information gathered, and issues discussed, at the workshop will be of assistance to the Board as a whole, particularly when it is preparing submissions to some of the long term strategies that the Council and other agencies are compiling.
4. There was insufficient time from when details of the workshop were received, until it was convened, to be able to obtain prior approval from the Board for the Chairperson’s attendance. Prior to the workshop however staff were able to contact the majority of Board members to canvas their views - all Board members contacted were in agreement with the proposed workshop attendance..

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The cost of the workshop was \$266.67 plus GST per person. As at 1 November 2009 the Board’s 2009/10 training and travel budgets had an unallocated budget of \$3,050.

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

6. Yes, provision for elected member training is made in the LTCCP, specifically under the Elected Member Representation activity.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. Yes, there are no legal implications.

### 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?

8. Not applicable.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

#### Do the recommendations align with the Council’s strategies?

9. Not applicable.

### CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION