

4. 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 the newly elected member of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board 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.
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. At its 8 December 2010 meeting the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board resolved "...to approve up to four Board members to attend the 2011 New Zealand Local Boards and Community Boards Conference in Rotorua from 5 to 7 May 2011". Since that time the four elected members of the Community Board have registered to attend the conference.
5. On 19 February 2011 the extraordinary vacancy on the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board was filled through the election of Lyndon Graham. He has also expressed an interest in attending the conference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The conference registration cost for each appointed delegate is \$591 exclusive of GST, noting this is the earlybird rate which is still available should this attendance be approved. In addition, accommodation and airfare costs will be in the order of approximately \$350 and \$300 respectively, per person.
7. The Board's 2010/11 remaining operational budget has the necessary funding available to fund the five Board members wanting to attend.

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

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. 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?

10. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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