

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT “KNOW HOW” TRAINING WORKSHOPS – MEDIA, DECISION MAKING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board’s approval for interested members to attend Local Government New Zealand “Know How” Training Workshops – How to Present the Right Image to the Media, Decision Making and a Practical Guide to Public Consultation, to be held at the Selwyn District Council on Tuesday 30 August, Tuesday 20 September and Tuesday 18 October 2011 respectively.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. These workshops are all one day events. The How to Present the Right Image to the Media course is designed for elected members to develop a strong relationship with the media. The Decision Making – How it Really Works course provides an interactive workshop which references the Local Government Act, the Council’s Long Term Plan and other relevant legislation to give a complete framework for decision making. The Practical Guide to Public Consultation workshop focuses on how consultation works in the local government context.

Further information on each workshop is **attached**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. The cost of these Local Government workshops are:

How to Present the Right Image to the Media	\$795 per person plus GST
Decision Making – How it Really Works	\$495 per person plus GST
Practical Guide to Public Consultation	\$795 per person plus GST

The Board’s 2011/12 training and travel budgets currently have an unallocated budget of \$4,550.

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

4. 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?

5. 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?

6. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council’s strategies?

7. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

8. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board give consideration to approving the attendance by interested members at the Local Government New Zealand "Know How" Training Workshops – How to Present the Right Image to the Media, Decision Making and a Practical Guide to Public Consultation, to be held at the Selwyn District Council on Tuesday 30 August, Tuesday 20 September and Tuesday 18 October 2011 respectively.