

14. PLAYSACES CONFERENCE AND ON BOARD - PRACTICAL GOVERNANCE TRAINING WORKSHOP - REQUESTED BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider requests from Board members to attend the City is a Play Space Conference being held in Auckland on 4 and 5 August 2011, and the Practical Governance Training for Directors and Trustees Workshop being held in Christchurch on 16 August 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City is a Play Space Conference

2. The "City is a Play Space" Conference, being held in Auckland on 4 and 5 August 2011, will be exploring: what are the features of a great play space? what is the responsibility for safety vs freedom to play and explore? how is the current and future play demand guiding design? what is a play strategy and how do organisations go about creating one? (**refer to Attachment 1**). Judy Kirk has expressed an interest in attending this Conference.

On board - Practical Governance Training for Emerging Directors and Trustees

3. The morning sessions of this workshop will be focussing on developing greater awareness of the contribution of good governance to business and organisational success. A range of different perspectives will provide the starting point for discussion. The afternoon sessions will be focusing on improving individual knowledge and developing the small group skills that will enable attendees to become valued boardroom contributors. (**refer to Attachment 2**). Sam Johnson has expressed an interest in attending this training.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. The cost for one member to attend the Playspaces Conference is approximately \$1,897.50 per member. This covers travel, accommodation and the conference registration.
5. The cost for one member to attend the Springboard Governance Workshop is \$149 (through sponsorship Springboard have obtained, this workshop has been discounted from \$449).
6. The Board's 2011/12 operational budget for conferences, travel and training combined is \$4,550. The balance of that budget is currently \$4,550, as there has been nil expenditure in the year to date.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. There are no specific legal considerations involved. The Remuneration Authority requires the prior approval of a Community Board before expenditure on conference attendance for Board members can be made.

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. Yes, clause 6 above refers.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Yes, page 61 of the LTCCP, Strategic Direction - Healthy Environment in relation to the Playspaces Conference.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board considers whether it wishes to approve:

- a) The attendance of a Board member at the Playspaces Conference, being held in Auckland on 4 and 5 August 2011, and
- b) The attendance of a Board member at the Practical Governance Training for Directors and Trustees Workshop being held by Springboard in Christchurch on 16 August 2011.