11. RESTORE AND REBUILD CONFERENCE – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Board members Bryan Morgan and Leigh Hickey to attend the Restore and Rebuild Conference held at Kaiapoi on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 May 2012.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Restore & Rebuild Conference focused on *Rebuilding Community from Disaster* and *Community Building Turning Theory into Practice,* and aimed to gather key people from communities and organisations around New Zealand with a need to restore, rebuild or revitalise.
- 3. The conference had a wide range of speakers including Daryl Taylor who was involved in recovery following the Black Sunday Bush-fires and former mayor of Christchurch, Vicki Buck.
- 4. Information gathered at the conference may provide new ideas to assist Board members in post earthquake recovery planning and revitalisation of local communities.
- 5. There was insufficient time from when details of the conference were received, until it was convened, to be able to obtain prior approval from the Board for the members' attendance, although other Board members were verbally canvassed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of the conference was \$213.05 plus GST per person and overnight accommodation costs were \$100.00 plus GST. Total cost \$626.10 plus GST. As at 1 May 2012 the Board's 2011/12 training and travel budgets had an unallocated budget of \$2,833.

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

7. 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?

8. 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?

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board retrospectively approve the attendance of Board members Bryan Morgan and Leigh Hickey at the Restore and Rebuild Conference held at Kaiapoi on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 May 2012.