


## 12. 2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is:
  - to seek authority for the Mayor and Councillors to attend the 2007 Local Government New Zealand Conference;
  - to seek the appointment of the Council's voting delegates to the conference.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This years conference will be held in Dunedin from Sunday 15 July to Wednesday 18 July 2007.
3. The Council usually authorises 5-6 Councillors to attend the conference. Last year, the Council gave approval for the Mayor and Councillors Helen Broughton, Graham Condon, Pat Harrow, Bob Shearing and Sue Wells to attend the conference.
4. The Christchurch City Council is entitled to appoint three conference voting delegates, with any additional Councillors attending being classed as observers.
5. All Councillors have been supplied with a copy of the programme for this year's conference, the theme of which is "*Investing In Our Future*". The theme carries many interpretations, and reflects the funding issues facing local government. Keynote speakers include:
  - Sir Michael Lyons, who acts as a strategic adviser to the British government, and a range of British public and private organisations.
  - Sherri Torjman, Vice President of the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, which is a social policy think tank which seeks to inform and influence public opinion.
  - David Shand, the Chairperson of the Independent Inquiry into local government rates.
  - Rob White, Chief Executive, The New Zealand Wine Company.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Registration fees of \$1,095 (including GST) will be incurred for each voting delegate/observer appointed by the Council, plus approximately \$1,000 per person for travel, accommodation and incidental costs. This expenditure can be accommodated within the provision for Mayoral/Councillor conference attendance and travel included in the 2006/07 Annual Plan.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal implications associated with the appointment of the Council's delegates/observers to attend this conference.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

#### Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

8. Pages 110 and 111 of the LTCCP refer to the provision of support for elected members (which includes attendance at such conferences).

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

9. Not applicable.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

10. No consultation is required.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Mayor and such other Councillors as may be nominated at the Council meeting be authorised to attend the 2007 Local Government New Zealand Conference in Dunedin.
- (b) That the Council appoint the Mayor and two of the Councillors attending as the Council's voting delegates at the conference, and that one further Councillor attending be appointed as an alternative voting delegate (the three Councillors concerned to be nominated at the Council meeting).