

11. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM 2009

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to give consideration to approving Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board member Jamie Gough to represent the Council at the Aspiring Leaders Forum 2009, to be held in Wellington on 30 July to 2 August 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Aspiring Leaders Forum is designed to bridge the gap between the nation's young people and the nation's leaders. It is an opportunity for young people to discuss and debate the ideas and philosophies of leadership. Information about the Forum is provided in **Attachment A**.
3. Subject to the Council's approval, the Mayor has nominated Jamie Gough to attend and represent the Christchurch City Council. Jamie Gough has indicated that he would like to attend.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The cost of a member attending the forum will be approximately \$1,350, which consists of a \$1,000 registration fee, which covers all costs while at the forum, and airfares/travel of approximately \$350. All figures exclude GST. The expenditure can be accommodated within the provision for Mayor/Councillor conference attendance and travel included in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

5. Yes, provision for elected member training is made in the LTCCP, specifically under the Elected Member Representation activity. Community Boards have their own conference, training and travel budgets. However, in this case the Board member would be representing the Council and would be funded from a different operational budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

6. 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 2006-16 LTCCP?

7. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

8. Youth Strategy and Strategic Direction – Strong Communities.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. The recommendation aligns with the principles of the Council's Youth Strategy and the Strategic Direction – Strong Communities in that the focus of the forum is to encourage young people to be better leaders and to increase youth engagement in all aspects of society.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the attendance of Jamie Gough as the Council's representative at the Aspiring Leaders Forum from 30 July to 2 August 2009 in Wellington.