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The purpose of this report is to advise Councillors of a forthcoming conference and training opportunity.

#### **NATIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS' CONFERENCE**

The Porirua City Council is hosting this year's National Local Authorities Community Development Workers' Conference which is to be held in Porirua on 10–12 November (refer attached flyer).

This conference provides the only regular opportunity for both elected members and community development workers from local authorities around the country to meet together for the purpose of:

- Sharing information about community development work
- Learning about what other local authorities are doing in community development
- Developing skills and knowledge in community development
- Meeting and making links with community development people from other local authorities.

Workshops and discussion topics include:

- Consultation and participation
- Everything you need to know about community development
- Conflict resolution and mediation
- Putting community development on the map
- Economic community development friendship
- Best practice in community development.

Christchurch City Council is widely considered a leading local authority nationally in terms of community development. Its commitment to this area is endorsed in the Council's Community Development and Social Well Being Policy. Christchurch City Council jointly hosted the last community development conference in 1997.

Councillors and Community development staff from this Council usually attend these conferences and gain considerable value from them. Registrations should be completed by 5 October.

- Recommendation:**
1. That this Committee nominates two Councillors to attend the National Local Authorities Community Development Workers' Conference at Porirua City in November.
  2. That this information be forwarded to Community Boards.

#### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:** That the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson attend the conference.