

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE, JULY 2005: BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Lisa Goodman, Community Board Principal Adviser
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Board member Mike Mora (in his capacity as New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee Zone 5 Deputy Representative) at the forthcoming Local Government New Zealand Conference, to be held in Christchurch from 24 to 27 July 2005. The total cost for Mike's attendance will be \$1,095 (inclusive of GST), for registration costs only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee (NZCBEC) has an acknowledged status as an Advisory Committee to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). The NZCBEC has been invited by LGNZ to attend the latter's Conference.
3. A meeting of Community Boards is to be held in Christchurch on Monday 26 July as part of the sector group sessions at this year's LGNZ Conference.
4. Mike Mora has been specifically invited to attend, by the NZCBEC, in his capacity as the NZCBEC Zone 5 Deputy Representative.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There is no legal obligation for the Community Board to accede to this request. The NZCBEC and LGNZ have a strong working relationship, and the invitation to participate in the LGNZ Conference should be seen as building upon that relationship.
6. The cost is \$1095 (inclusive of GST) for the full Conference registration; there are no other costs involved. The registration cost would be met from the Board's operational budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board **approve** the attendance of Mike Mora at the Local Government New Zealand Conference, to be held in Christchurch from 24 to 27 July 2005.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.