

24. NEW ZEALAND LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE 2011 – BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a number of Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board members to attend the 2011 New Zealand Local Boards and Community Boards Conference in Rotorua on 5 to 7 May 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The conference is being held in Rotorua from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 May 2011. The theme for the conference is 'Communities on Board – The Changing Face of Community Governance' and will reflect on Boards' relationships, communications and advocacy with their communities, as well as considering the implications of the establishment of Auckland's 'super city' on communities throughout New Zealand Boards. More information is **attached**.
3. The programme includes key-note speakers and inter-active workshops hosted by experts, and the presentation of the Best Practice Awards in recognition of community board projects and initiatives which have made a difference.
4. On 22 September 2010 this Board resolved not to submit an entry to the Best Practice Awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The conference registration cost for each appointed delegate is \$591 exclusive of GST, noting this is the earlybird rate until close of business on 4 March 2011. The standard registration from 4 March 2011 will be \$676. In addition, accommodation and airfare costs will be in the order of approximately \$350 and \$300 respectively, per person. Therefore with early bird registration the cost per person would be approximately \$1,241.
6. The Board's 2010/11 remaining operational budget of \$4,550 has the necessary conference and training funding available to fund three Board members to attend.

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

7. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

8. There are no direct legal implications involved. A Community Board resolution is required for expenditure for attendance of Board members at conferences.

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

10. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to approving the attendance of a number of Board members to the 2011 New Zealand Local Boards and Community Boards Conference in Rotorua from 5 to 7 May 2011.