

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT “KNOW HOW” TRAINING WORKSHOP – ASSET MANAGEMENT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval for interested members to attend a Local Government New Zealand “Know How” Training Workshop – Asset Management, to be held in Christchurch on 22 February 2010.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This one-day Local Government New Zealand workshop will focus on skills for the long-term management of community infrastructure assets and is offered to ensure that elected members gain knowledge and foresight into long-term management of community infrastructure assets. On completion of the workshop attendees will:
 - improve their understanding of how infrastructure asset management can add real benefit to their Council and community;
 - improve their knowledge of the key concepts of asset management;
 - learn how to ensure that the asset decisions made by Council give the best long-term solution for the community.
3. The course has been designed to offer an intensive and hands-on asset management one-day course for up to 25 participants. It underpins the asset management theory with strategies and asset case studies specific to asset management in the Local Government sector.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The cost of this Local Government workshop is \$350 plus GST per person, for elected members from member Councils. The Board’s 2009/10 training and travel budgets currently have an unallocated budget of \$3,350.

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

5. Yes, provision for elected member training is made in the LTCCP, specifically under the Elected Member Representation activity.

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 2009-19 LTCCP?

7. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council’s strategies?

8. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

9. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board give consideration to approving the attendance by interested members at the Local Government New Zealand "Know How" Training Workshop – Asset Management, to be held in Christchurch on 22 February 2010.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.