

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT TRAINING – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval for Board member Andrew Turner to attend the Resource Management Act (RMA) training course, *Who's Afraid of the RMA?* held at Christchurch Airport on 23 March 2012.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The *Who's Afraid of the RMA?* training was intended for people who need a lay person's understanding of the content and processes of the RMA. It aimed to give participants a basic understanding and overview of the Act.
3. Information gathered at the one day training will be of assistance to the Board as a whole, as many issues that Board members deal with involve RMA processes.
4. There was insufficient time from when details of the training programme were received, until it was convened, to be able to obtain prior approval from the Board for Mr Turner's attendance, although Board members were verbally canvassed .

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The cost of the workshop was \$600.00 plus GST per person. As at 1 February 2012 the Board's 2011/12 training and travel budgets had an unallocated budget of \$3,316.

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

6. 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?

7. 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?

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board retrospectively approve the attendance of Andrew Turner at the Resource Management Act training course, *Who's Afraid of the RMA?* held at Christchurch Airport on 23 March 2012.