

## 19. 2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE - COMMUNITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Yvonne Palmer and Mike Mora to attend the 2009 Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Christchurch from 26-29 July 2009.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This year's conference will be held in Christchurch from Sunday 26 July to Wednesday 29 July 2009.
3. On 14 May 2009 the Council resolved that the Mayor and such other elected members be authorised to attend the conference. Since that meeting, a request has been received from Mr Mike Cohen, Chairman, New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee, for Yvonne Palmer (Zone 5 Community Board representative) and Mike Mora (Zone 5 deputy representative) to attend the conference from Sunday 26 to Wednesday 29 July inclusive. In 2008 the Council authorised Yvonne Palmer to attend the conference.
5. The community board session is scheduled to run on the afternoon of Tuesday 28 July as part of the concurrent interest sessions. The topic this year is 'Using your Community Boards for Added Value', and profiles the work of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and their award-winning "Tea House" restoration project. Mr Cohen notes that:

*"In my view, much value will be gained by Yvonne and Mike attending. The Community Boards' Executive Committee is currently looking to raise the profile of community boards and part of this focus is for boards to be proactive in their council's consultation process."*

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The registration fees of \$1,300 including GST will be incurred for each voting delegate appointed by the Council. This expenditure can be accommodated within the provision for Mayoral/ Councillor conference attendance and travel included in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal implications associated with the appointment of the Council's delegates/ observers to attend this conference.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

#### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

8. Pages 110 and 111 of the LTCCP refer to the provision of support for elected members (which includes attendance at such conferences).

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

9. Not applicable.

### CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. No consultation is required.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council consider whether it will authorise Yvonne Palmer and Mike Mora to attend the 2009 Local Government New Zealand Conference in Christchurch.