

5. 2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is:
 - To seek approval for elected members to attend the 2010 Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Auckland from 25-28 July 2010.
 - To seek the appointment of the Council's voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This year's conference will be held in Auckland from Sunday 25 July to Wednesday 28 July 2010.
- The Council usually authorises 5-6 Councillors to attend the conference. Last year, the Council gave approval for the Mayor and Councillors Helen Broughton, Ngaire Button, Yani Johanson, Bob Shearing and Mike Wall to attend the conference. The Council also authorised Mrs Yvonne Palmer and Mike Mora to attend the conference in 2009, following a request from the National Executive Committee of Community Boards.
- A request has been received from the New Zealand Community Board's Executive Committee for the Council to authorise that Yvonne Palmer and Mike Mora attend the conference. They are the Zone 5 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson respectively. One of the sessions is 'Local Boards, are they the model for the future'. The Executive Committee "is keen to encourage wider debate on the new Auckland model and explore whether this approach will have any relevance beyond Auckland."
- The Christchurch City Council is entitled to appoint one presiding delegate with voting rights for the Annual General meeting, and an alternate voting delegate. The Council is also entitled to have up to four additional Councillors attending, being classed as viewing delegates. It is proposed that the Mayor be the presiding voting delegate, with a Councillor named as the alternate voting delegate. The rules of the New Zealand local Government Association provide that the term "delegate" includes both an elected member and an officer of a member authority. The Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 28 July 2010.
- All Councillors have been supplied with a copy of the programme for this year's conference, the theme of which is "Building Prosperous Places." The theme carries many interpretations and the emphasis will be on economic development and prosperity. Keynote speakers include:
 - Lord Mayor Campbell Newman from Brisbane
 - Peter Biggs, Managing Director of Clemenger BBDO, Melbourne
 - Greg Clark (UK) City Building, Investment and Strategies
 - Michael Deegan, Director General NSW Department of Transport

The Prime Minister the Honourable John Key, will open the conference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Registration fees of \$1,200 excluding GST will be incurred for each voting delegate/observer appointed by the Council. This expenditure can be accommodated within the provision for Mayoral/Councillor conference attendance and travel included in the 2009/10 Annual Plan.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 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 2009-19 LTCCP?

9. Pages 156 and 157 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?

10. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. No consultation is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Mayor and such other elected members as may be nominated at the Council meeting, be authorised to attend the 2010 Local Government New Zealand Conference in Auckland.
- (b) The Council appoint the Mayor as the presiding voting delegate and a Councillor as the alternate voting delegate, and up to three Councillors and the Chief Executive attending the conference, as the Council's viewing delegates at the Annual General Meeting.