

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCILLOR TRAVEL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek the Council's approval for Councillor Chrissie Williams to travel to Wellington in February 2011 to attend the Local Government Transport Congress.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. As Chair of the Council's Transport Committee and the Council's representative on the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, Councillor Williams seeks approval to travel to Wellington to attend the Local Government Transport Congress being held from 10-11 February 2011.
3. Feedback from the Congress will feed directly into the development of the next government policy statement on land transport funding for 2012-2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. Yes. Under the current allowances and expenses rules this requires Council approval. The cost of flights is \$300 which can be accommodated from the Council travel budget. Accommodation is not required and there is no registration fee.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

5. Yes, there are none.

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?

6. Yes – Democracy and Governance pages 154 to 159 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

7. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

8. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve travel costs for Councillor Williams to attend the Local Government Transport Congress.