

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

19 MARCH 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2013

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Board's consideration and approval for the attendance of Board member/s at the 2013 Community Boards' Conference scheduled for 9-11 May 2013 in Wanaka (Appendix 1).

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The theme of the 2013 Conference is 'Local Communities, Local Leadership'. The event will feature speakers such as Canadian Nuffield scholar Leona Dargis, international neighbourhood development expert Jim Diers, and Sam Johnson, Young New Zealander of the Year.
- 4 There will also be a range of workshops during the conference sharing success stories from council staff and innovative planning initiatives from community boards which illustrate the way that boards are successfully accepting the challenges that leadership in our communities demand.
- 5 There will also be addresses from the Minister of Local Government, the Hon Chris Tremain, the President of Local Government New Zealand, Lawrence Yule, and its CEO Malcolm Alexander.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

- 6 Council has allocated to each Community Board \$3,000 per annum for training needs and delegated the authority to prioritise disbursement of these funds. To date no money has been spent in this financial year. The approximate costs of attendance are as follows:

ITEM	Cost per person (\$)
Registration (includes Attendance at all conference business sessions and workshops, welcome reception and conference dinner incorporating the best practice awards)	\$745
Air Travel – return from Wellington (Flights are for Thursday 8 May and returning Saturday 11 May)	\$378
Airport Transfer from Queenstown to Wanaka	\$40
3 Nights Accommodation at The Edgewater @ \$143 per night	\$429
TOTAL	\$1,592

Legal Considerations

7 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

8 The Community Board may make this decision under clause 10.28, Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations (29 November 2012 version):

“Authority to set priorities for and expend annual funding allocated by Council for the purposes of training and development.”

Consultation

9 There are no consultation considerations.

Policy Implications

10 There are no policy implications.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

11 There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

Publicity Considerations

12 Attendee/s will be required to submit a written report on their return for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13 That the Ōtaki Community Board approves the attendance of at the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference being held 9-11 May 2013 at Wanaka.

14 That the Board authorises the Chair to approve an alternate attendee in the event that the original nominee is unable to attend.

15 That the attendee/s will provide a written report in a timely fashion for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

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Appendix 1: Conference Programme and Information