

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

18 APRIL 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) CONFERENCE JULY 2013

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Council is asked to consider and approve attendance at the Local Government New Zealand Conference scheduled for 21-23 July 2013 in Hamilton.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

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

BACKGROUND

3. The LGNZ Conference is an annual event which is open to attendance by elected members. In 2013 the Conference is being held in Hamilton and the theme is 'Transforming communities to build a successful New Zealand'. Further informaton on the Conference is at Appendix 1.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

4. Previous conferences have been attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and one or two other Councillors. The LGNZ AGM is held at the same time and the Mayor is the presiding delegate with the Deputy Mayor Cr Booth as the alternate delegate.
5. Councillors are being asked to consider this matter now as the earlybird registration deadline is 31st of May.

Financial Considerations

6. The cost of attendance is as follows:

| Item | Cost per person (\$) |
|---|----------------------|
| Registration (earlybird up to 31 May) | 1,385 |
| Flights (return, ex-Wellington) | 316 |
| Accommodation (based on 2 nights @ \$132 per night) | ...264 |
| TOTAL | 1,965 |

7. There is sufficient funding in the Councilor training and development budget for the attendance of two Councillors (in addition to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

Legal Considerations

8. There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

9. Council has the authority to consider this matter.

Consultation

10. There are no consultation considerations.

Policy Implications

11. There are no policy considerations.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

12. There are no tāngata whenua considerations.

Publicity Considerations

13. There are no publicity considerations. Attendees will be required to provide a written report on their return for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. That Council approves the attendance of at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Hamilton 21-23 July 2013.
15. That the Mayor is confirmed as the presiding delegate at the LGNZ AGM with Cr Booth as the alternate delegate.
16. That the Mayor is authorised to nominate alternative delegates in the event that the original nominees cannot attend.
16. That the attendees will provide a written report in a timely fashion on their return, for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

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Appendix 1 Conference information