
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 2006, 25- 26 SEPTEMBER 2006, NEW PLYMOUTH

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the Youth in Local Government Conference 06 to be held in New Plymouth, 25-26 September 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one elected member at the Youth in Local Government Conference 06 to be held in New Plymouth, 25-26 September 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is a St James Theatre Charitable Trust meeting and a Westpac Stadium Trust meeting scheduled on Monday 26 September 2006.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The theme of the conference this year is 'Purutia te Kiwai Kete o nga Rangatahi' which in essence, means 'taking up a challenge'. The phrase symbolises the balance that is needed between local government and young people in order to encourage inclusion, understanding and celebrating youth culture, and innovation and leadership. These three latter terms are the three sub themes which will be explored throughout the conference.

Overall, the conference hopes to increase the awareness of positive youth development and increase the realisation of young people's potential. In addition, the conference will encourage best practise and behaviour of delegates when engaging with young people and will also profile the best youth projects throughout New Zealand at the Youth in Local Government Awards.

The conference will incorporate several keynote presentations and speakers who will cover the three themes. There will also be separate youth training sessions which will be delivered concurrently. They include: How to run a good meeting/formal meeting environment; project management skills: how to set up and run successful events and projects; and tips on representing youth in the community.

The attached information is copied from the Youth in Local Government Conference 06 website.

It is the intention of management to have officer representation at the conference.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding which elected member should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if one elected member is appointed is expected to be \$776 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration	\$410
Accommodation	\$150
Travel	\$216
Total	\$776

The impact on the budget of one elected member attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One:

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	\$9510.00 ¹	24,490
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$776.00	\$10,286	\$23,714

¹ The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$5000.00.
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of \$2310.00
 The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Safer Communities Conference at a cost of \$400
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Digital Earth Conference in Auckland at a cost of \$1800

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one elected member at the Youth and Local Government Conference 06 to be held in New Plymouth, 25 – 26 September 2006.

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