
REPORT 8
(1215/52/IM)

NEW ZEALAND WALKING CONFERENCE AND STUDY TOUR – CHRISTCHURCH, 3-4 NOVEMBER 2006

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the New Zealand Walking Conference and Study Tour to be held in Christchurch, 3 - 4 November 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one elected member at the New Zealand Walking Conference and Study Tour to be held in Christchurch, 3-4 November 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. 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 New Zealand Walking Conference and Study Tour will focus specifically on promoting walking, planning for pedestrians, identifying barriers to walking and overcoming these barriers and sharing good practice and ideas. The conference will follow on from the Walk21 International Conference being held in Melbourne from 23 – 26 October 2006.

The conference will involve transport professionals, health and activity professionals, accessibility experts, urban designers, landscape planners, local and national politicians and advocates for walking and sustainable communities. It is noted that Councillor Wade-Brown is making a presentation to the Conference.

The conference aims to bring people from a wide range of sectors together to share information and initiatives. The hope is to upskill professionals and advocates by providing examples and ideas to take away. The conference also aims to increase the profile of walking within agencies and the media.

Presentations will include:

- Exploring walking and driving cultures in the autocentric city.
- Reclaiming Auckland's streets for pedestrians.
- Planning and managing our cities better, to accommodate for the needs of walkers.

Further information on the presentations is attached at appendix one.

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 \$865.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration	\$275.00
Accommodation	\$290.00
Return Airfares	\$300.00
Total	\$865.00

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	\$11,386 ¹	\$22,614
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$865	\$12,251	\$21,749

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 06 Conference at a cost of \$1800
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth and Local Government Conference in New Plymouth at a cost of \$776
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the LIANZA Conference in Wellington at a cost of \$1100

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether Council should approve the attendance of one elected member at the New Zealand Walking Conference and Study Tour to be held in Christchurch, 3 – 4 November 2006.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

*This project supports objective 9.2 City decision-making:
People are encouraged to participate in the decision making of the city*

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Committee and Council process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy