
REPORT 6
(1215/52/IM)

LIANZA CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 12 – 14 OCTOBER 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held at the Christchurch Convention Centre in Christchurch on 12-14 October 2009.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held at the Christchurch Convention Centre in Christchurch on 12-14 October 2009, and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Housing Forum on Monday 12 October, a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting Session, a meeting of the Disability Reference Group, and a meeting of the Ethnic Council on Tuesday 13 October, and a meeting of the Regulatory Processes Committee and Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee on Wednesday 14 October.*
4. *Note that a report on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) is the professional organisation for the New Zealand library and information services sector. LIANZA is an incorporated society that was founded in 1910 and has since gone through a number of transitions. The organisation is governed under the New Zealand Library Association Act 1939 and throughout its history

it has played a large role in the development of library and information services around the country. As of June 2009, LIANZA has 1,923 members, including 404 institutional members. Membership includes, without exception, all public and university libraries in New Zealand, as well as a number of private or sector-based libraries.

The theme for the 2009 LIANZA Conference is 'He Tangata He Tangata He Tangata'. Underpinning this theme is the understanding that the conference will acknowledge the past, embrace the present, and advance the future. The organisers have gone to great length to capture a number of new initiatives relevant to progressing high quality library services within this years conference programme.

The conference programme covers a variety of issues including:

- The role of copyright in community-based facilities
- Functions of Information Communications Technology
- Citizen-created content
- The interrelationship between libraries and their communities
- Social cataloguing

In addition to this programme there will be a number of workshops spread throughout the conference on a variety of themes.

The conference programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Future Conferences

Conferences scheduled for the 2009/10 financial year include:

- WasteMINZ Annual Conference – 14-16 October 2009
- New Zealand Cycling Conference – 12-13 November 2009
- New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – 2-4 November 2009

3.2 Considerations

When deciding whether an 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 for one elected member to attend this Conference is expected to be \$1,663.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Return Flights	\$318.00
Accommodation	\$420.00
Registration	\$925.00
Total	\$1,663.00

The impact on the budget of one Elected Member attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2009/2010 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$39,500.00	\$5,556.50 ¹	\$33,943.50
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$1,663.00	\$7,219.50	\$32,280.50

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held at the Christchurch Convention Centre in Christchurch on 12-14 October 2009.

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¹ The 2009/10 contribution to the LGNZ Conference totalled \$1,576.50
The attendance of one Councillor at the Traffinz Conference at a cost of approx \$2,000.00
The attendance of two Councillors at the RMLA Conference at a cost of \$1,980.00

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system.

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

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic 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

Not required.

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.