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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

**Time:** 05:30 pm  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 February 2016  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**2.2 Councillor travel to Malaysia for the resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress from 2 to 4 March 2016**

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**COUNCILLOR TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA FOR THE RESILIENT  
CITIES ASIA-PACIFIC CONGRESS 2016**

**Purpose**

1. This paper seeks approval for a Councillor to attend the ICLEI Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2016 Congress in Melaka, Malaysia from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.

**Summary**

2. Wellington City has been invited to send an elected member to the second ICLEI Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2016 Congress.
3. The main objective of the congress is to create a space for local governments, institutions and communities where they can come together to discuss climate resilience in urban areas.
4. The congress is being organised by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and hosted by Melaka State Government and Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMTGT-CIMT).
5. The congress sent an invitation to Mayor Wade-Brown 17 February. The Mayor cannot attend and has recommended that a Councillor attend. Congress has offered to pay for the Councillor's economy airfare and up to four nights' accommodation. Wellington City is awaiting final confirmation of this.
6. More than 300 representatives of local governments are expected, including at least 200 mayors from different cities. Also participating will be representatives of international organisations such as relevant United Nations agencies (UNEP, UNISDR, UN-HABITAT, UNESCAP) and funders (ADB, World Bank, GIZ, Rockefeller Foundation, OECD, USAID).

**Recommendation/s**

That the Council:

1. Receives the information.
2. Notes that attendance at the ICLEI Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2016 Congress in Melaka, Malaysia offers an important opportunity to be part of the largest global partnership on urban resilience and climate change adaptation, and a further opportunity to focus specifically on the Asia-Pacific region.
3. Note that Congress attendance is an opportunity to support strengthening both Wellington and New Zealand resilience, and also for helping to positively impact over 20% of the world's urban population.
4. Agrees that a Councillor attend the congress from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 subject to ICLEI's confirmation that they will fund the trip.
5. Note that Council will purchase carbon credits to the approximate value of \$70.00 in line with current Council policy.

**Background**

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7. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is the world's leading network of over 1,000 cities, towns and metropolises committed to building a sustainable future.
8. The aim is to help members make their cities and regions sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, ecomobile, bio diverse, resource efficient and productive, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability impact over 20% of the world's urban population.
9. The congress builds on the success of the 'Resilient Cities - The Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation' series, organised by ICLEI which attracts hundreds of participants to Bonn, Germany, every year since 2010. In response to heightened demand from the Asia Pacific Region, ICLEI has now expanded the congress series to include 'Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific' - catering to the situations, challenges and opportunities of local governments specifically in this region.
10. Resilience is a key goal for Wellington. Council is currently working on Wellington's Resilience Strategy, which will be a holistic, action-oriented plan to build partnerships and alliance and finance mechanisms. It will pay particular attention to meeting the needs of vulnerable people.

**Discussion**

11. The congress will include a high level plenary for national government representatives hosted by the Government of Malaysia titled "regional cooperation for Climate Change Adaptation" and a program of plenary and parallel sessions on urban resilience and development.
12. The invitation was first received by Mayor Wade-Brown on February 17. The Mayor is unable to attend, however the congress is happy for an elected member to attend in her place.
13. This is the second Asia-Pacific Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation due to ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability feeling that they achieved great success from Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2015.
14. The conference will provide a dynamic environment for collaboration and information exchange among decision makers who are working to create the future resilience of our cities, and offers an opportunity to have positive impacts across the Asia-Pacific region, and potential to further urban populations globally.

Costs

15. A Council Officer will not need to travel with the nominated Councillor.
16. Costs are to be covered by ICLEI, subject to final confirmation.
17. Council will purchase carbon credits to cover the value of the flights, to the approximate value of \$70.00 in line with current Council policy.

**Attachments**

Nil

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Consultation and Engagement**

N/A

**Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

N/A

**Financial implications**

Costs are to be covered by the ICLEI, subject to confirmation. Council will purchase carbon credits to the approximate value of \$70.00 in line with current Council policy.

**Policy and legislative implications**

N/A

**Risks / legal**

N/A

**Climate Change impact and considerations**

Carbon Credits will be purchased

**Communications Plan**

N/A