
REPORT 7
(1215/52/IM)

**SAFER COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE, WELLINGTON
CONVENTION CENTRE, WELLINGTON, 14-15 AUGUST
2006**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the Safer Communities conference to be held in Wellington, 14-15 August 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one elected member at the Safer Communities conference to be held in Wellington, 14-15 August 2006, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that, a Strategy and Policy Pre-Meeting Session for 17 August is scheduled on 15 August 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The Safer Communities conference will focus on how local government, community partners and government agencies can implement the tools, theories and information (that they have collected) to enhance community safety and reduce crime.

This conference will build upon the last two Safer Communities conferences (2002 and 2004), and in doing so will concentrate on overcoming problems that arise, and the challenges that are produced, when turning ideas in reality.

The conference is expected to follow four possible themes, and provide presentations and workshop based on these themes.

The four themes are:

- Crime Prevention through environmental design
- Alcohol related violence
- Building relationships with Maori for community safety
- Working at the interface: injury prevention and crime prevention

Detailed information on the workshops and presenters at the conference is yet to be officially released. It is expected to be released within the next two weeks on the following website www.lgnz.co.nz.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether elected members should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- 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 \$200.00 and will be met from the elected members' conference budget.

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	\$34,000¹	\$12,120	\$21,880
Impact of sending one elected members to the conference	\$200	\$12,320	\$21,680

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows (per person):

Item	Cost
Registration	\$200
Total	\$200

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to which elected member should attend the Safer Communities Conference to be held in Wellington from 14-15 August 2006.

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¹The attendance of 5 Community Board members at the Community Board Forum at a cost of \$2500.
The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$5000.00.
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of \$4620.00