
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

ALAC WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE, WELLINGTON, 13 – 15 MAY 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'ALAC Working Together Conference' to be held in Wellington, 13-15 May 2009.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'ALAC Working Together Conference' to be held in Wellington, 13-15 May 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 Regulatory Processes Committee meeting on Wednesday 13 May, a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting and a Tawa Community Board meeting on Thursday 14 May 2009.*
- 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 Alcohol Advisory Council (ALAC) of New Zealand was established in 1976 following a report by the Royal Commission of Inquiry on the sale of liquor. The Commission recommended establishing a permanent Council with the aim of encouraging responsible use and to minimise misuse. The aim of ALAC is to achieve a New Zealand drinking culture that supports moderate use of alcohol, for families and communities to enjoy life free from alcohol harms.

The ALAC Working Together Conference will highlight and discuss the many levels where change is happening in:

- Community action
- Local Government

- Health
- Policy and legislation
- Research

Conference attendees will be able to discuss the above topics in two workshop sessions.

Topics covered at the conference include:

- Use of brief intervention in a wider range of settings.
- What makes effective community action?
- The review of the New Zealand's regulatory framework for alcohol.

The draft conference programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Future Conferences

There are no conferences that we regularly send Elected Members to scheduled for the remainder of the financial year.

Conferences scheduled for the 2009/10 financial year include:

- TRAFINZ Conference – 7-10 September 2009 (at a cost of \$1,950)
- Cycling Conference – 12-13 November 2009
- New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – 2-4 November 2009
- LGNZ Conference – 26-29 July 2009
- RMLA Conference – 1 October 2009

3.2 Considerations

When deciding whether one 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 \$350.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Registration	\$350.00
Total	\$350.00

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

	2008/2009 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$19,110.73	\$14,889.27
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$350.00	\$19,460.73	\$14,539.27

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'ALAC Working Together Conference' to be held in Wellington on 13-15 May 2009.

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¹ The attendance of 4 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$8,103.34
 Mayor to attend World Summit at a cost of \$312.94
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference at a cost of \$1,241.00
 The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost \$3,770.45
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZRA Conference at a cost of \$678.00
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth in Local Government Conference at a cost of \$200.00
 The attendance of 3 Community Board Members at the Community Board Conference at a cost of \$4305
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the WasteMINZ Conference at a cost of \$500

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

APPENDIX ONE