
REPORT 6
(1215/52/IM)

TRAFINZ CONFERENCE, AUCKLAND, 6 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Auckland, 6-9 September 2009.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Auckland, 6-9 September 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 Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting Session, a Disability Reference Group meeting and an Ethnic Council meeting on Tuesday 8 September, Regulatory Processes Committee meeting on Wednesday 9 September 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 NZ Traffic Institute (TRAFINZ) represents local authority views on road safety and traffic management in New Zealand and is one of New Zealand's oldest local authority organisations. It acts as a forum to discuss specific traffic issues relevant to local government and also provides information and advice to member authorities. The voluntary organisation advocates for safe, economical and efficient planning and management of traffic. Wellington City Council has been involved in the organisation for a number of years.

The theme for the 2009 Trafanz Conference is 'act now for tomorrow: turning vision into a reality'. The conference will explore transport in New Zealand from now to 2040 and what steps are needed to achieve these outcomes. Attendees will look at engineering, education and enforcement opportunities and what the industry needs to do to positively influence the future.

The conference programme covers a variety of issues including:

- How important is transport in the New Zealand economy.
- The race for new technology in reducing green house emissions.
- Making transport work for the next 30 years – a research perspective.
- Creating and unlocking the secrets to innovation.

In addition to this programme there will be workshops covering a number of topics including:

- Tracking road policing and crime prevention – a partnership for success.
- Where and how are we going to get the quick wins and big gains for education – is it focusing on our youth?
- Quick wins and big gains for enforcement – what is it?
- Education in the future – how do we unlock innovative thought in the community.
- Gearing up for the future.

The draft conference programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Future Conferences

Conferences scheduled for the 2009/10 financial year include:

- 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 \$1,450.75 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Return Flights	\$392.00
Accommodation	\$170.00
Registration	\$888.75
Total	\$1,450.75

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

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$0	\$0
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$1,450.75	\$0	\$32,549.25

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'Trafinz Conference' to be held in Auckland on 6-9 September 2009.

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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