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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE  
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HAMILTON,  
21 – 23 JULY 2013**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

This report provides information on the Local Government New Zealand Conference, to be held in Hamilton from 21 – 23 July 2013, and to seek approval for the Mayor and up to three additional elected members to attend the conference. The report also recommends that the Council elects a presiding delegate to exercise the votes on behalf of Wellington City Council at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 21 July 2013.

**2. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of Mayor and up to three additional elected members at the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Hamilton from 21 – 23 July 2013 and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members' budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that Wellington City Council can appoint up to four delegates to attend the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21 July 2013.*
4. *Appoint the following delegates to attend the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 21 July 2013:*
  - (a) *Mayor as its presiding delegate, with authority to exercise Wellington City Council's six votes;*
  - (b) *an alternate presiding delegate (in the event that the Mayor is absent from the floor of the meeting at any time), who shall be a Councillor; and*
  - (c) *two other delegates, who shall be Councillors.*

5. *Note that a report back on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

### **3. Discussion**

Attendees will hear from remarkable of sought after international and domestic speakers, high achievers in their specialist fields, who will offer inspiration and motivation.

The keynote speakers include:

**Rob Hamill, New Zealand**– Marathon rowing champion Rob Hamill represented New Zealand in international rowing for 16 years. Rob's numerous rowing achievements include a silver medal at the World Championships, gold at the Commonwealth Regatta and a world record on the Concept 2 rowing machine

**Jonar Nader, Australia** - Having worked in the fields of sales and marketing for over 25 years, Jonar's most recent role was that of IBM's E business Software Manager where he also worked with the IBM Olympic Committee, and was IBM's industry and media spokesman for deep-computing and high-technology

**Professor Natalie Jackson, New Zealand** – Natalie Jackson is Professor of Demography and Director of the Population Studies Centre at the University of Waikato. Most of Natalie's research is focused on the different drivers and patterns of population ageing unfolding across and within New Zealand and Australia, and the consequences of these trends for education, the labour market, local, state and national/federal governments, and business in general.

**Jude Munro, Australia** – Jude set up Jude Munro and Associates in 2010. She is passionate about cities and that they achieve their full potential and are operationally efficient. Jude was Brisbane City Council CEO from 2000-2010 and directed the centre-led strategic procurement initiative which resulted in \$89 million in savings.

**Geoff Lawrie, New Zealand** – Geoff Lawrie has 33 years of professional business experience in the technology and communications industry in New Zealand and Asia / Pacific, with 25 of those years spent in General Manager or Managing Director positions

**Dr Oliver Hartwich, New Zealand** – Dr Oliver Marc Hartwich is the Executive Director of The New Zealand Initiative – a think tank supported by chief executives of major New Zealand businesses.

**Greg Hallam, Australia** – Mr Hallam has worked in the Federal Treasury, National Office of Local Government, Esk Shire and Townsville City Councils as

a Senior Executive. He has held the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of Queensland for the past 20 years.

The conference will focus on a range of topics including localism, local government's role in the economy, the issue of governance versus management, demographic challenges faced by the sector and the opportunities and risks associated with shared services. The theme is 'transforming communities – building a successful New Zealand.'

A copy of the full programme is attached as Appendix One to this report.

### **3.1 Appointment of delegates to the conference**

There is no restriction on the number of delegates Council can send to the conference.

The Council's elected member representatives at this conference over the last six years have been:

|      |              |   |
|------|--------------|---|
| 2007 | Dunedin      | The Mayor and Ngaire Best (Tawa Community Board)                |
| 2008 | Rotorua      | The Mayor and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best and McKinnon     |
| 2009 | Christchurch | The Mayor and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan and McKinnon |
| 2010 | Auckland     | The Mayor and Councillors Coughlan, McKinnon and Wade-Brown     |
| 2011 | Wellington   | The Mayor and Councillors Coughlan, Eagle and Foster            |
| 2012 | Queenstown   | Councillors McKinnon, Coughlan, Foster, Eagle, Ahipene-Mercer   |

The Mayor and Councillors Best, Eagle and Foster are the Council's current representatives on *Local Government New Zealand Zone 4*.

### **3.2 Appointment of Delegates to the AGM**

The Rules of *Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)* allow the Council to appoint up to four delegates to attend the AGM.

To enable a Council to exercise its voting rights at the AGM the *LGNZ* Rules require a member authority to:

*“appoint one of its delegates as its presiding delegate and may appoint one or more alternate delegates; provided that the number of alternate delegates does not exceed the number of delegates appointed.”*

Member authorities are required to advise the Chief Executive of *LGNZ*, in writing, of the names and positions of the presiding, alternate and other delegates attending the AGM. This allows *LGNZ* to closely monitor the numbers attending and so meet their obligations under the rules of their constitution.

Other elected members may attend the meeting as observers but have no speaking or voting rights and will be seated away from the Council's official delegation.

Wellington City Council is entitled to six (6) votes at the AGM and these votes are cast by the presiding delegate.

### **3.3 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 approximate cost of attendance per delegate is detailed as follows:

| <b>Item</b>               | <b>Cost</b>       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Registration (early bird) | <b>\$1385.00</b>  |
| Return Airfares           | <b>\$412.00</b>   |
| Accommodation – 3 nights  | <b>\$443.00</b>   |
| Incidentals               | <b>\$350.00</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$2,590.00</b> |

The estimated total cost of attendance for four elected members would be \$10,360.00. These costs will be met from the Elected Member conference budget.

The costs incurred will be met from the elected members' conference fees, travel and accommodation budget (GVEM01).

## **4. Conclusion**

The Council is required to appoint its delegates to the 2013 Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Hamilton from 21 – 23 July 2013 and its presiding and alternate presiding delegate for the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 21 July 2013.

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

*This project supports long-term outcome 7.2.2 – “Wellington will operate an open and honest decision-making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system”.*

### 2) LTP/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.*

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Transforming communities –  
building a successful New Zealand

Sunday 21 – Tuesday 23 July 2013

Claudlands Event Centre  
Hamilton



[www.lgnz.org.nz](http://www.lgnz.org.nz)

### Sunday 21 July

1000 – 1700

Registration desk open

1030 – 1300

Hamilton City Council hosted tours  
(depart and return to and from Claudlands)

**Meeting the demands of a growing city**

**Investment in Hamilton**

**Community partnership**

1300 – 1400

**Annual General Meeting** (members only)

1430 – 1530

**Mihi and opening ceremony**

1530 – 1630

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, Arena Lounge

1530 – 1630

Regional sector meeting, Brooklyn 1 and 2

1700 – 1900

Simpson Grierson Welcome Reception,  
Wintech (Waikato Institute of Technology)

For detailed programme and speaker information refer to

[www.lgnz.org.nz](http://www.lgnz.org.nz)

Monday 22 July

|             |  |   |   |   |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| 0730        | Registration desk open   |   |   |   |
| 0700 – 0815 | <b>Rob Hamill</b> , Breakfast session <i>Sponsored by Transpower</i>   |   |   |   |
| 0800        | Walking bus departs Novotel Hotel (hosted by Hamilton City Council guides)   |   |   |   |
| 0830        | <b>Welcome</b><br>LGNZ President <b>Lawrence Yule</b>  |   |   |   |
| 0845        | <b>Jonar Nader</b> <i>How not to lose friends and infuriate ratepayers</i>   |   |   |   |
| 0945        | Morning tea amongst the exhibition   |   |   |   |
| 1030        | <b>Greg Hallam</b> <i>More for your money – specialised member services in Queensland</i>                          |   |   |   |
| 1130        | <b>Prof Natalie Jackson</b> <i>People changing – councils changing</i>   |   |   |   |
| 1225        | The Skills Organisation  |   |   |   |
| 1230        | Lunch amongst the exhibition   |   |   |   |
| 1330        | <b>Fonterra field trip</b> (this trip returns at 1700)   |   |   |   |
| 1330        | <b>Concurrent sessions</b> (select one)  |   |   |   |
|             | 1. Lessons learned from Auckland (repeated in afternoon – session 6)   | 2. A changing New Zealand – is bigger better? Can we do more with less? | 3. Local economies driving national success                                 | 4. Paddling our wakas - a shared compass? Local government and Maori achieving together for our communities               |
| 1500        | Afternoon tea amongst the exhibition   |   |   |   |
| 1530        | <b>Concurrent sessions</b> (select one)  |   |   |   |
|             | 5. Water: How can we better balance health and environment outcomes with cost outcomes?<br><i>Sponsored by PwC</i> | 6. Lessons learned from Auckland (repeat of session 1)                  | 7. Blowing your own trumpet - how to market the value your council delivers | 8. Rooding and transport – how do we get there? Finding a better way and making it a reality<br><i>Sponsored by eroad</i> |
| 1900        | <b>Fulton Hogan conference dinner</b> Claudelands Event Centre   |   |   |   |

Tuesday 23 July

|               |   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
|---------------|---|--------|--------------|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------------|
| 0800          | Registration desk open  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 0800          | Walking bus departs Novotel Hotel (hosted by Hamilton City Council guides)  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 0830          | Speaker to be announced   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 0900          | <b>Jude Munro</b> <i>Central government requirements and community expectations – where’s the balance?</i>  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 0945          | Morning tea amongst the exhibition  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1030          | <b>Geoff Lawrie</b> <i>Building smart and connected communities</i>   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1120          | <b>Dr Oliver Hartwich</b> <i>A global perspective on localism</i>   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1215          | Lunch amongst the exhibition  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1315          | <b>Hon Chris Tremain</b> Minister for Local Government  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1350          | <p><b>Political panel comment</b><br/> <i>Councils role in our democracy – elected mandate or government agent?</i><br/> Facilitator: Colin James</p> <table> <tr> <td>Greens</td> <td>Eugenie Sage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NZ First</td> <td>Denis O’Rourke</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Future</td> <td>Peter Dunne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Labour</td> <td>Su’a William Sio</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>sponsored by Civic Assurance</i></p> | Greens | Eugenie Sage | NZ First | Denis O’Rourke | United Future | Peter Dunne | Labour | Su’a William Sio |
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| NZ First      | Denis O’Rourke  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| United Future | Peter Dunne   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| Labour        | Su’a William Sio  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1520          | <b>Closing address</b>  |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |
| 1530 – 1630   | <b>Closing function</b>   |        |              |          |                |               |             |        |                  |