
ASPIRING LEADERS' FORUM – ON FAITH AND VALUES, WELLINGTON, 27 – 30 JULY 2006

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for Councillor Hayley Wain to attend the Aspiring Leaders' Forum, to be held in Wellington, 27 – 30 July 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of Councillor Hayley Wain at the Aspiring Leaders' Forum to be held in Wellington, 27 – 30 July 2006, and that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, Council meeting and Tawa Community Board meeting are scheduled on 27 July 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the forum will be presented in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The forum will focus primarily on proactively developing the next generation of leaders in New Zealand. Although the forum is non-political, the forum will be hosted by Members of Parliament, who will come together in a non-partisan way to represent all parties and cover all beliefs. Attendees can only be nominated, and on this occasion Mayor Prendergast has nominated Councillor Hayley Wain to attend. At the forum, participants will discuss their ideas and philosophies of leadership, and will be encouraged and supported to be better leaders in the areas of society they are engaged in.

The forum will consider subjects such as:

- Why faith and values are important foundations for effective leadership
- The importance of developing inner strength and personal character
- The key character foundations of a 'servant leader'.

The forum is a four-day programme held at the end of a parliamentary sitting week in Wellington. The activities over the four days include:

- A day spent in Parliament House
- Keynote addresses from national leaders
- Keynote addresses by leaders from other walks of life
- Seminar group with MPs and community leaders to discuss a variety of leadership themes
- Small group discussions in groups of about eight people
- A local community service project
- A sport and recreation afternoon

Attached to this report is further information on the forum.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether Councillor Hayley Wain should attend this forum, 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 Councillor Hayley Wain is given approval to attend the forum is expected to be \$695.00 and will be met from the elected members' conference budget.

The impact on the budget of Councillor Hayley Wain attending this forum 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	\$10,210	\$23,790
Impact of sending <u>one</u> elected member to the forum	\$695.00	\$10,905	\$23,095

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 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of \$2310.00
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Safer Communities Conference at a cost of \$400.00

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

Item	Cost
Registration	\$695.00
Total	\$695.00

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether Councillor Hayley Wain should attend the Aspiring Leaders' Conference to be held in Wellington from 27 – 30 July 2006.

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