
REPORT 5
(1215/52/IM)

LIANZA CONFERENCE, ROTORUA, 9 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held in Rotorua, 9 – 12 September 2007.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one elected member at the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held in Rotorua, 9 – 12 September 2007 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there are District Plan Change 56: Managing Infill Housing Development Hearings scheduled for Monday 10 September and Wednesday 12 September, a Pre-Meeting Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, a Disability Reference Group meeting and a 2020 Communications Trust meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11 September and a Regulatory Processes Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 12 September.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The theme for the 2007 LIANZA conference is Tranzform: Te Tinihanga. Libraries are facing a transformation as a result of new technologies and now is the time to consider the future. The conference will look at the challenges facing libraries and give tools to meet these challenges through innovative ideas, challenging practices and technology.

There will be two award ceremonies at the 2007 conference, the LIANZA Awards Function and the Children's Book Awards. The conference blog is also returning this year, giving attendees an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas as they occur before, during and after the conference.

During the conference, sessions will be run on a range of topics, including:

- Transforming the library – the new value proposition
- The Digital Context Strategy – what's in it for libraries
- Five marketing principles and how to apply them
- Building shared services – more bang for your buck
- Access it – encouraging the new generation to engage with your library
- Centralised collections, localised service delivery
- Making things work – ensuring sustainability of libraries for future generations

The full conference programme is attached at appendix one to this report.

It is the intention of management to have senior officer representation at this conference.

3.1 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 \$1683.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Registration	\$ 675.00
Return Flights	\$ 498.00
Accommodation	\$ 510.00
Total	\$ 1,683.00

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	\$ 8,620.41 ¹	\$25,319.59
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 10,303.41	\$ 23,696.59

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one elected member at the 'LIANZA Conference' to be held in Rotorua, 9 – 12 September 2007.

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The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$3,926.00.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Transport – the Next 50 Years Conference at a cost of \$732.16
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Trafanz Conference at a cost of \$1,846.75
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Tourism Industry Conference at a cost of \$2,115.50.

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