
REPORT 5
(1215/52/IM)

COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION FORUM, HAMILTON, 2 APRIL 2008

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for the Mayor and one elected member to attend the 'Communities for Climate Change Protection' Forum to be held in Hamilton on 2 April 2008.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of the Mayor and one elected member at the 'Communities for Climate Protection Forum' to be held in Hamilton on 2 April 2008 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is a Wellington Museums Trust Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2 April 2008.*
- 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

Communities for Climate Protection New Zealand (CCP – NZ) is a voluntary organisation which aims to empower local Councils to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their operations and communities. CCP is supported by the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) and is part of the international Cities for Climate Protection campaign. Since CCP-NZ was launched in 2004, 21 Councils have joined the programme.

Members of CCP – NZ have five milestones to aim towards. These are:

- 1. Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, analysis and forecast.**
- 2. Set emission reduction goals.**
- 3. Develop a local action plan to achieve these goals**

4. Implement and quantify the benefits of policies and measures in the action plan.
5. Monitor progress towards the reduction goal.

Benefits of the milestone programme include financial savings through conservation measures; providing focus and direction, and to assist in leading to quantifiable results for the environment.

The 2008 Forum has been broken into five sessions:

- Global view
- New Zealand carbon neutrality and all that
- Parallel interactive workshops
- Big picture approaches
- Plenary

Mayor Prendergast has been invited by CCP – NZ to lead the discussion on Carbon Neutrality – translating policy into reality. Other topics covered during the forum include:

- Climate change is accelerating: is Local Government keeping pace?
- Local Government and Carbon Trading.
- Implications of policies and opportunities – panel discussion plus Q & A
- Economic analysis of the value of local government involvement

Given the subject matter of the forum, if the Committee agrees to approve the attendance of an Elected Member plus the Mayor at it, it would make sense for the Portfolio Leader, Climate Change to be nominated.

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

It is the intention of management to have 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 the Mayor and one elected member to attend this Conference is expected to be \$551.00 per person and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Registration	\$125.00
Return Flights	\$426.00
Total	\$551.00

The impact on the budget of the Mayor and 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	\$18,022.19	\$25,977.09
Impact of sending the Mayor and one elected member to the conference	\$1,102.00	\$9,124.91	\$24,875.09

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of the Mayor and one elected member at the 'Communities for Climate Protection' Forum to be held in Hamilton on 2 April 2008.

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¹ 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 Sister Cities Conference at a cost of \$1,518.00

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