
REPORT 7
(1215/52/IM)

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
MINISTERIAL FORUM FOR YOUTH COUNCILS
ROTORUA, 29 FEBRUARY 2008**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for Councillor Wain to attend the Ministerial Forum for Youth Councils organised by the Ministry of Youth Development to be held in Rotorua on 29 February 2008.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of Councillor Wain at the 'Ministry of Youth Development's Ministerial Forum for Youth Councils' to be held in Rotorua on 29 February 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 Positively Tourism Board meeting and a Funding and Activity Working Party meeting scheduled for Friday 29 February 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

The Ministerial Forum for Youth Councils is an opportunity for the Minister of Youth Affairs to meet with youth councils and youth representatives. The forum provides an opportunity for youth councillors and co-ordinators to share their experiences and goals.

There will be a workshop for youth council co-ordinators to meet separately from youth council members to discuss issues relating to the co-ordination of youth councils. During the Forum, the Minister of Youth Affairs will launch the Youth Council Network.

Councillor Wain has received a personal invitation to attend the Forum as a guest of the Minister. This invitation is an acknowledgement of the work Councillor Wain has done with the youth of Wellington and because of her experience as one of New Zealand's youngest Councillors. There is no cost to attend the forum.

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

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether Councillor Wain 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 Councillor Wain to attend this Conference is expected to be \$458.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Return Flights	\$458.00
Total	\$458.00

The impact on the budget of Councillor Wain attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$19,550.91	\$24,449.09
Impact of sending Councillor Wain to the conference	\$458.00	\$10,008.91	\$23,991.09

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of Councillor Wain at the 'Ministry of Youth Development's

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
 The attendance of the Mayor and 2 Elected Members at the Communities for Climate Protection Conference at a cost of \$1528.00

Ministerial Forum for Youth Councils' to be held in Rotorua on 29 February 2008.

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Supporting Information
1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome <i>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</i>
2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact <i>Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process</i>
3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations <i>There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications</i>
4) Decision-Making <i>This is not a significant decision</i>
5) Consultation a) General Consultation <i>Not required</i> b) Consultation with Maori <i>Not required</i>
6) Legal Implications <i>Nil</i>
7) Consistency with existing policy <i>This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy</i>

Appendix One