

Report No.	18-37
Decision Required	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2018

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to determine Members' attendance at the 2018 **Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)** Conference.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 18-37.
- b. approves the attendance of the Chairman of Council and up to three Councillors (to be named) with expenses paid, and the Chief Executive, at the 2018 Local Government New Zealand Conference at Christchurch from 15-17 July 2018, and includes any regional pre tour.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. Funding for this activity has been included in the 2017-18 training budget.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. There is no requirement to communicate this activity to the public.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk associated with this item.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. A resolution was passed at the Council meeting on 22 March 2011 that "...the Chair and up to three Councillors attend each annual LGNZ conference within budget".
- 6.2. The *Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy* includes the following paragraph under clause 10.1:

Attendance at the LGNZ Annual Conference will be considered and resolved by the Council. Every attempt will be made for each Councillor to attend an LGNZ conference during the triennium.

7. COMMENT

- 7.1. The LGNZ Conference is being held in Christchurch from Sunday, 15 July to Tuesday, 17 July 2018. It is being hosted by Christchurch City Council and will take place in and around Christ's College. LGNZ have advised that earlybird registrations will close on 25 May 2018.
- 7.2. The proposed programme for the LGNZ Conference is available on the LGNZ website – <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/about-lgnz/lgnz-conference-2/>.

- 7.3. A regional pre-tour will be hosted by Environment Canterbury from Thursday, 12 July to Saturday, 14 July, prior to the LGNZ conference. An itinerary is currently being prepared for the regional pre-tour.
- 7.4. Elected Members who have attended the LGNZ Conference in this triennium, include Crs Kelly, McKellar, Sheldon and Te Awe Awe.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

- 8.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

There are no attachments to this report.