

## Central Hawkes Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Chief Executive

**DATE:** 26 March 2009

**FILE REF:** ASS1-100

**SUBJECT:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

The Local Government New Zealand Conference is scheduled to be held in Christchurch between 26 and 28 July 2009 with the Annual General Meeting and Rural Sector Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2009.

Council's policy states that attendance would normally include the Mayor and Chief Executive and may include two elected members, representing Council.

Her Worship the Mayor or the Alternate delegate is authorised to cast the Council's votes at the Annual General Meeting.

The cost of registration for the 2009 Conference is \$1145 per attendee (Early bird rate) and return airfares to Christchurch will cost approximately \$400 per person. Accommodation will be approximately \$200 per person per night.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Council is represented at the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2009 and the Rural Sector Annual General Meeting by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND

Each year Local Government New Zealand holds its Conference and Annual General Meeting. Council's attendance at conference and the Annual General Meeting is important in that as a small council it gives us the opportunity to have our say in Local Government policy as well as putting forward our views through networking opportunities. It also provides opportunities to hear and understand the views of the new National Government, new initiatives being developed, proposed changes within the sector and to become familiar with new and future legislation and statutory requirements.

#### **4.0 OPTIONS**

That Council is represented at the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2009 and the Rural Sector Annual General Meeting by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

#### **5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### **6.0 CONSULTATION**

##### **6.1 External**

N/A

##### **6.2 Internal**

Mayor and Deputy Mayor

#### **7.0 FINANCIAL**

Provision was included in the 2008/09 Annual Plan for Mayor and Chief Executive attendance at the LGNZ Conference and AGM.

Council is mindful of the expense of travelling to the South Island. Present Council policy states that Council will not pay for travelling expenses to meetings outside the North Island at a rate greater than the cost of attending a North Island conference.

#### **8.0 STRATEGIC LINKS**

Attendance at this conference and AGM gives this small Council the opportunity to have our say in Local Government policy.

#### **9.0 POLICY/DELEGATION REFERENCE**

Current Council policy (1.3) is that representation at the Local Government New Zealand Conference includes the Mayor, the Chief Executive but may include two elected members.

Her Worship the Mayor or the Alternate delegate is authorised to cast Council's votes at the Annual General Meeting.

John Freeman  
**Chief Executive**