

ITEM 5.1	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 3/2013 - APPROVAL TO ATTEND CEO'S CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND
TRIM FILE REF	2013/058098
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

Councillors would be aware of the current Independent Local Government Review being chaired by Professor Graham Samson who is investigating and identifying options for governance models and structural arrangements that if endorsed by the State Government will have an enormous impact on how Warringah Council and indeed all councils will operate into the future.

The CEO's Conference is being held in New Zealand on Wednesday 6 March 2013 and will be attended by General Managers from a number of councils from Australia and New Zealand. During the conference a meeting will be held with senior staff and elected officials of Auckland Super City and it would be most beneficial for me to attend this meeting in my capacity as Mayor of Warringah and the current President of SHOROC.


Auckland Council (Auckland Super City) is the largest city council in the Southern Hemisphere. This Council has been operating for approximately two and a half years and is just completing its first term as a "Super City". By attending the meeting, I am hoping to learn first-hand how this new model of governance is working. Councillors may already be aware that this model has often been referred to by Professor Graham Samson and the review panel in the current Local Government Review.

It is intended that I would travel and attend the meeting scheduled for 6 March 2013 and costs incurred would include 1 night accommodation and return airfares totalling approximately \$850.

As Councillors would be aware, at the last Council Meeting on 12 February, a report to Council (Item No. 8.3) identified that I am required in my role as Mayor to attend a number of conferences including the Local Government and Shires Association annual conference and the National General Assembly of Local Government. Further, the report stated that any additional conferences that I may need to attend are over and above the annual budget allocated to Councillors each year within GOV-PL 120, Policy for Payment and Re-imbursement of Expenses Incurred by, and Provision of Facilities to, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors. This Policy will now be reviewed in October 2013. The costs for attendance at the CEO's Conference falls outside my annual budget however I have been advised that my attendance at this conference can be carried out within existing operational budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council approve the Mayor's attendance at the CEO's Conference and meeting with senior staff and elected officials of Auckland Super City in Auckland, New Zealand on Wednesday 6 March 2013.
- B. That funds totalling approximately \$850 (return airfare and 1 nights accommodation) be made available from existing operational budgets as the costs incurred fall outside the annual budget allocated to the Mayor under GOV-PL 120, Policy for Payment and Re-imbursement of Expenses Incurred by, and Provision of Facilities to, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.


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