

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY: <u>CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, TOURS</u>	
DEPARTMENT: Office of the Chief Executive	RESPONSIBILITY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executive
SECTION:	
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CONFERENCES

Conferences provide an excellent forum for members and Executive Officers to learn about changes within local government, get first hand exposure to government policy and discuss common problems and develop new strategies for the organisations.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. That Council consider whether to send delegates to attend the Local Government NZ Annual Conference, based on the conference material providing beneficial information for this district.
2. That at least two Elected Members attend a Zone 3, or Rural, Meeting each year.
3. That selection of Elected Members at attend conferences be made by Council and subject to:
 - availability
 - number of conferences previously attended
 - interest in subject matter.
4. That Council supports the concept of organisational development through the attendance by members at seminars, training courses etc.
5. That Council supports the concept of members and Executive Officers visiting other local authorities to gain an understanding of alternative approaches and good practice within the local government context.
6. That the CEO, in consultation with the mayor, be given the delegated authority to authorise training requests by elected members within the existing budget and to a maximum expenditure of \$2,000 per elected member per annum.
7. That the CEO be given the delegated authority to authorise training requests by the mayor within the existing budget.