

# STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## **CONFERENCES**

Conferences provide an excellent forum for members and Executive Officers to discuss common problems and develop new strategies for the organisations.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. That the District Mayor, Chief Executive and at least one Elected Member attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference.
2. That at least two Elected Members attend a conference other than the NZLGA conference each year, with no more than one Elected Member attending a conference in the South Island.
3. That Council pay the travel, accommodation, fees and expenses of the District Mayor and his/her partner, Elected Members and Executive Officers to attend conferences.
5. That selection of Elected Members to attend conferences be made by Council and subject to:
  - availability
  - number of conferences previously attended
  - interest in subject matter

## **COUNCIL TOUR**

With the Mayor and only one or two Elected Members attending the Annual Local Government Association Conference, there is limited scope for members in general to keep abreast of Local Government affairs.

Members seminars and training courses address specific aspects, however it has been found that of most benefit is a tour of other authorities.

Not only do members discuss common problems but also learn more about their own organisation and develop a team approach to Council's business.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. That Council support the concept of organisational development through the attendance by members at seminars, training courses etc.
2. That Council support the concept of members and Executive Officers touring other local authorities every three years after each local body election.