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LGAQ FINANCE SUMMIT & CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT, 7-9 MAY 2014, SUNSHINE COAST

Darryl Crees – General Manager Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the attendance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the LGAQ Finance Summit on 7 May 2014 and the Civic Leaders Summit on 8-9 May 2014 at the Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The LGAQ is conducting the 3rd Annual Local Government Finance Summit on 7 May 2014 at the Sunshine Coast and this will be followed by the LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit on 8-9 May 2014 at the same location.

The Finance Summit is focussed on financial sustainability and is designed to showcase management approaches with speakers from both state and local government as well as Queensland Treasury Corporation who will present practical solutions to contemporary challenges.

The Mayor has received an invitation from the Chief Executive Officer of LGAQ to be a member of the panel at the Civic Leaders Summit (Attachment A). This Summit is unlike any other LGAQ event and is about the business of leadership and the special and unique roles of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO.

The attendance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at these Summits being held consecutively will provide significant access to current information and approaches to financial sustainability and leadership as well as the unique opportunity to network with counterparts from local governments throughout Queensland.

PROPOSAL:

Presenters at the Finance Summit on 7 May 2014 include Mayors from 6 Councils in Queensland as well as representatives from the Queensland Treasury Corporation. Topics to be discussed include:-

- emerging issues in local government;
- asset management and depreciation;
- internal audit function;
- linking financial management to corporate planning;
- building a culture of financial performance and accountability.

The program also provides for workshops and panel sessions covering different approaches to financial decision making.

The Civic Leaders Summit is held every two years and provides an important opportunity to network with Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEO's in relation to financial sustainability and current local government issues in Queensland.

Speakers at the Civic Leaders Summit include the Hon David Crisafulli MP and numerous presentations including representatives from LGAQ, King & Company and Fairfax Ltd. The theme of the Summit is "Productivity Plus" with the agenda directed specifically towards Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEO's from Councils large and small in Queensland.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Expenses Reimbursement Policy for Elected Representatives.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Registration fees (for both Summits), travel and accommodation costs per delegate will be approximately \$3,000.

Provision for Councillor attendance at conferences is contained within the 2013/14 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Letter of invitation from Greg Hallam, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of Queensland.

ATTACHMENT A

10 February 2014

Cr Julia Leu
EMAIL

Dear Cr Leu

I write to extend a cordial invitation to participate in a Mayor and Chief Executive Officer panel discussion at the Local Government Association of Queensland's Civic Leaders Summit taking place at Twin Waters Resort.

The Panel discussion is on "How to improve Productivity in Local Government – what works and what doesn't" is scheduled for 8 May 2014, 11:05am - 12:30pm in the Wandiny Room, Twin Waters Resort, Twin Waters. Each panel member will be given 12 minutes to speak on the subject matter followed by a 30 minute audience discussion. The other panel members who have been invited to partake in this discussion are:

Cr Mark Jamieson, Mayor, Sunshine Coast Regional Council
Mr Colin Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane City Council
Ms Julie Reitano, Chief Executive Officer, Maranoa Regional Council
Mr Amos Njaramba Chief Executive Officer, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

The Civic Leaders Summit has cemented a unique place in the Local Government biennial calendar over the past decade.

The seventh edition of this signature event which is conducted exclusively for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs is practically future focused and rich in content. The event is closed to the media, enhancing the ability of Summit Attendees to canvass and explore the most challenging issues.

The Summit is not a forum for the discussion of roads, rates, planning, libraries or pest control. It's about the business of leadership and the special and unique roles of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Greg Hallam PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER