
ITEM	3.5.1FI
	RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
DATE	12 December 2016
HEADING	Request to Attend Interstate Activity - Australian Local Government Women's Association Bi-ennial Conference, Launceston
AUTHOR	Michelle Woods, Projects Officer Governance, CEO and Governance
CITY PLAN LINKS	4.3 Have robust processes that support consistent service delivery and informed decision making. Choose an item. Choose an item.
SUMMARY	The Resources and Governance Committee have requested further information in relation to the SA Chapter of ALGWA being in a position to pay for Cr Gill and Cr Woodman to attend the ALGWA Conference in Tasmania next year.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Attendance by Cr Betty Gill and Cr Julie Woodman at the Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference in Launceston, Tasmania from 11 – 13 April 2017 be approved.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its meeting on 12 December 2016, the Resources and Governance Committee resolved that this matter be deferred to be considered by Council on 19 December 2016 pending receipt of further information with respect to whether the SA Chapter of ALGWA was in a position to pay for Cr Gill and Cr Woodman to attend the ALGWA Conference in Tasmania next year, especially given that Cr Gill is the SA President and Cr Woodman the Vice President (Metro).

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Internal
 - 2.1.1 Cr Betty Gill as President of the SA Chapter of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA).
- 2.2 External
 - 2.2.1 Nil

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The objects of ALGWA (SA) are:
 - 3.1.1 To assist in promoting knowledge of the role and function of Local Government;
 - 3.1.2 To promote, support and encourage women to participate and be represented in Local Government;
 - 3.1.3 To promote, support and encourage women to make Local Government a career of choice; and
 - 3.1.4 To promote and advocate for the common interests of women who are engaged in, or interested in, Local Government.
- 3.2 With respect to the financial position of the Association, the following has been extracted from the ALGWA(SA) website:
 - 3.2.1 *As a not for profit association, ALGWA SA relies upon its membership base for support. Membership fees enable the Association to offer networking, mentoring, newsletters, publications, information, events and resources. Members often receive benefits such as free or discounted costs to ALGWA SA events and free resources.*
- 3.3 Cr Gill is the ALGWA (SA) President and Cr Woodman the Vice President (Metro).
- 3.4 The City of Salisbury is a financial member of ALGWA(SA).
- 3.5 35% of membership fees paid to the SA Chapter are directed to the ALGWA National body.
- 3.6 The National Conference held each year is intended to be of benefit to members as a learning and networking opportunity with other state ALGWA members.
- 3.7 The only costs each State ALGWA body provides for are flight and accommodation costs for the President to attend one 'face to face' business meeting with the National body. As there are two 'face to face' meetings held each year, the President is therefore required to pay their own flight and accommodation costs for the other.
- 3.8 Anticipated costs for each delegate to attend the conference in Tasmania are approximately \$2,000 (based on early bird fee if paid prior to 13 January 2017).
- 3.9 Both Cr Gill and Cr Woodman currently have sufficient funds in their individual training and development budgets to cover the cost of their attendance.
- 3.10 At the Local Government Association Annual General Meeting in October this year, this Council supported the Notice of Motion to address the low representation of women in local government. The ALGWA and ALGWA (SA) play a major part in promoting this cause through their objectives as outlined in 3.1 above.

4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Council is asked to determine if approval be given for Cr Gill and Cr Woodman to attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference in Launceston, Tasmania from 11 – 13 April 2017.

CO-ORDINATION

Officer: CEO A/MG
Date: 15/12/2016 14/12/2016