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PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

COUNCIL LATE ITEMS

9AM, WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

MEMBERS

Grant Smith (Mayor)	
Debi Marshall-Lobb (Deputy Mayor)	
Mark Arnott	Leonie Hapeta
Brent Barrett	Lorna Johnson
Rachel Bowen	Billy Meehan
Vaughan Dennison	Orphée Mickalad
Lew Findlay (QSM)	Karen Naylor
Roly Fitzgerald	William Wood
Patrick Handcock (ONZM)	Kaydee Zabelin

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COUNCIL MEETING

4 October 2023

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REPORTS

- 22. Approval for in-country (Japan) travel expenses for Cr Dennison to make diplomatic visits to Palmerston North Sister City, Mihara, and the International Pacific University (IPU) in Okayama, Japan**

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Memorandum, presented by Cr. Vaughan Dennison.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 4 October 2023

TITLE: Approval for in-country (Japan) travel expenses for Cr Dennison to make diplomatic visits to Palmerston North Sister City, Mihara, and the International Pacific University (IPU) in Okayama, Japan

PRESENTED BY: Cr. Vaughan Dennison

APPROVED BY: The Mayor Grant Smith

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COUNCIL

- 1. That Council agree to cover up to \$1000 of travel costs associated with Cr. Dennison's visit to Mihara and Okayama in October-November 2023.**
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1. ISSUE

- 1.1 Cr Dennison is traveling to Tokyo, Japan from 19-30 October 2023 as Softball New Zealand's Head of Delegation to attend the World Baseball Softball Confederation Under 15 Women's Softball World Cup, being held 21- 28 October 2023. The cost of the international travel and accommodation for this event have been met.
- 1.2 The opportunity exists to extend and support diplomatic visits to Palmerston North's Sister City, Mihara and the International Pacific University (IPU) in Okayama, Japan.
- 1.3 Related expenses required to cover these visits include internal transport between Tokyo and Hiroshima, and associated visits (to Mihara and Okayama), accommodation, meals, and any incidentals. Estimated cost of travel is approximately \$2000.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Elected and Appointed Members' Expenses and Allowances Policy sets out that Council approval must be granted for elected members to travel further than New Zealand or Australia for Council business. Thus, approval is sought for Cr Dennison to undertake these diplomatic visits on behalf of the Council.

2.2 It is noted Cr Dennison will be accompanied by his wife. Her travel expenses will be covered personally.

3. NEXT STEPS

Cr Dennison will provide a report back to Elected Members and the International Relations team on the visit.

4. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide?	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	No
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 1: An Innovative and Growing City	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Economic Development	
<p>The action is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate international economic and education investment partnerships with city institutions Position ongoing international relations activities to support recovery from the impacts of the pandemic 	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	Maintenance of strong international relationships and ongoing investment in the city.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil