

**18 March 2019****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE &  
IMPROVEMENT****CIPFA CONFERENCE 2019****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the attendance of one officer and two Members at the annual Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) conference.

**Information and Advice**

2. CIPFA's annual conference "Public Finance Live", will take place in Birmingham on 9 -10 July 2019. The conference will gather together Public service leaders, politicians, Chief Finance Officers, auditors, and all those concerned with public finance and governance to tackle the key questions for government and public services in the decade ahead:
  - How can we ensure strong and sustainable public services that support the needs of the UK's citizens?
  - How can we set the conditions to help ensure vibrant economies, dynamic employment opportunities, healthy lives, an excellent education, efficient transport and infrastructure, secure homes and a cleaner, safer environment?
3. With significant uncertainty in the funding of public services these big questions will be addressed through 5 focused themed areas at the conference:
  - Financial resilience and trust
  - Regeneration
  - Data and Technology
  - People and places
  - Talent and skills for finance
4. The estimated cost of attendance for one officer and 2 Members is as follows

CIPFA member rate – 2 days	1 <sup>st</sup> delegate	£795
CIPFA member rate – 2 days	2 <sup>nd</sup> delegate	£595
CIPFA member rate – 2 days	3 <sup>rd</sup> delegate	£595
Travel (3 people, 2 days, return to Birmingham)		£150
Total		£2,135

## **Other Options Considered**

5. Not attending this event was not considered due to the importance of ensuring that those charged with decision-making and financial management have effective knowledge and skills.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. Under the terms of the Council's constitution, the Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee is responsible for the financial management of the Authority, and it is best practice to ensure that those charged with decision-making and financial management have effective knowledge and skills.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That attendance at the CIPFA annual conference for one officer and two Members be approved.

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## **Constitutional Comments (KK 4/3/2019)**

8. The proposal in this report relating to approval of Members to attend the CIPFA annual conference is within the remit of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee. Officer attendance is a departmental matter.

## **Financial Comments (KRP 13/02/2019)**

9. The financial implications of attending the conference are set out in the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None