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## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER MEMBER SUPPORT**

### **WESTMINSTER ENERGY. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FORUM KEYNOTE SEMINAR, FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL GRID, THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2010, CENTRAL LONDON**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider the attendance of Councillor S Creamer at the Future of the National Grid Seminar in London on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### **2. Information and Advice**

- 2.1 Smart grids are a “key plank in the United Kingdom’s transition to a low carbon economy”, according to the Government. This seminar offers an opportunity to examine the transition process. Planned sessions review the need to transform the electricity grid by 2050 and examine remaining barriers to transition as well as assessing opportunities for energy trading and the wider impact on consumers and industry.
- 2.2 Councillor Creamer would like to attend the event to assist him in his role as Opposition Spokesperson for the Environment and Sustainability.
- 2.3 The cost of attendance is estimated as:-

Seminar fee	£190.00
Travel (2 <sup>nd</sup> class rail at peak time)	<u>£140.00</u>
Total	£330.00

These costs can be met from Members’ Allowance budget.

#### **3. Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder, human rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 That approval be given for Councillor S Creamer to attend The Future of the National Grid seminar.

#### **Legal Services' Comments**

The Administration Committee is responsible for approving expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars including expenditure on travel, accommodation and associated costs. The proposal in this report, insofar as it is in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy, is within the remit of this Committee."

#### **Comments of the Service Director Finance**

The financial implications are outlined in the report. (MB 12/03/10)

#### **Background Papers available for inspection**

Conference Leaflet

#### **Electoral Divisions Affected**

All.