

REPORT OF TEAM MANAGER (MEMBERS AND CIVIC SERVICES)**INLOGOV LEADERS' FORUM FOR THE EAST AND WEST MIDLANDS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider representation at the INLOGOV Leaders' Forum for the East and West Midlands being held in Birmingham from 14th to 15th June 2012.

Information and Advice

2. The role of INLOGOV is to support excellence in local government and that is why a new Leaders' Forum for the East and West Midlands is being launched.
3. Topics for discussion will include:
 - Localism and the future of relationships with central government
 - Chief Executives: essential support or expensive luxury?
 - Working with Police and Crime Commissioners
 - Doing more with less: can strategic commissioning deliver better outcomes?
 - Maximising impact in your council and in your area

The event will run over two days. There will be a high profile speaker on the subject of working with the new Police and Crime Commissioners. There will also be parallel sessions running for counties, unitaries and districts to focus on current relevant hot topics.

4. The rates per delegate are

Conference fee £200

Travel £125

Total £325

Note: it is assumed that the delegate will travel each day rather than stay overnight

Other Options Considered

5. The Committee could decide not to attend the Conference.

Reason for Recommendation/s

6. Attending the INLOGOV conference will give leaders time for reflection on the challenges they face away from their councils and with their peers. The role of INLOGOV is to support excellence in local government.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That consideration be given to the attendance of one Member at INLOGOV Leaders' Forum for the East and West Midlands.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 22/03/2012)

8. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in the report. The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes delegation to authorise expenditure incurred for Member attendance at conference and seminars, including accommodation, travel and associated costs.

Financial Comments (MB 27/03/12)

9. The cost can be met from the 2012/13 budget for Member's Conference Expenses

Background Papers

Conference leaflet from Institute of Local Government Studies

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

