

meeting	<b>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	
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## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER MEMBER SUPPORT**

### **MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) RURAL COMMISSION MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 AND LGA RURAL CONFERENCE 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 - CHESTER**

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

- 1.1 To consider the attendance of Councillor R Laughton at the LGA Rural Commission meeting and the LGA Rural Conference on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Chester.

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

- 2.1 The Annual Rural conference is the key event for rural policy and decision makers in local government. It provides a unique opportunity for elected members and senior officers from across the country to debate, exchange views and challenge ourselves on how councils should be leading rural communities.

The conference will be a key opportunity to discuss rural issues and how these can be addressed by local authorities in the context of a new government and increasing pressures on public finance. The conference will showcase the rural perspective on some of the most significant issues being debated across local government.

- 2.2 Councillor Laughton is the Nottinghamshire County Council appointed member on the LGA Rural Commission.

- 2.3 The cost of attendance is estimated as:-

Conference fee	229.00
Travel by car	78.00
Accommodation	<u>115.00</u>
Total	422.00

These costs can be met from the Members Allowances 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 service and where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

### **4. Recommendation**

Consideration be given to Councillor Laughton to attend the LGA Rural Commission meeting and the LGA Rural Conference 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Chester.

**DAVID ELLIS  
SERVICE MANAGER  
MEMBER SUPPORT**

#### **Legal Services' Comments (LM12/8/10)**

The Administration Committee delegated their authority to the Urgency Sub Committee to enable it to approve the recommendations in the report.

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

The financial implications are outlined in the report (MB 12/08/10)

#### **Background Papers Available for Public Inspection**

Conference Leaflet

#### **Electoral Divisions Affected**

All.