

Meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REFERRAL FROM THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE AT 2006 PLANNING SUMMER SCHOOL

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider proposals of the Planning and Licensing Committee in relation to attendance at the annual Planning Summer School.

Information and Advice

- 2. This year's Planning Summer School is to be held from 1 5
 September at the University of Kent, Canterbury. The Planning and
 Licensing Committee has previously been represented at this event
 and at its last meeting considered the issue of attendance at this year's
 School.
- 2.1 The Planning and Licensing Committee felt that there would be benefit in again attending this event so that Members could be kept aware of the changing nature of planning legislation, have the opportunity to be kept advised of best practice across a wide spectrum of planning activities and discuss the relevant planning matters with representatives of other Local Planning Authorities.
- 2.2 Costs for attendance at this year's School will be approximately £679 per place (which includes conference fee, accommodation for the residential course and meals) and, additionally, it is anticipated that there will be travel costs of £150 per Member attending.
- 2.3 The Planning and Licensing Committee was of the view that it would be appropriate for as many members of the Committee who are available to attend the School and the Administration Committee is asked to consider this proposal in accordance with its constitutional responsibilities.

RECOMMENDED

3. That consideration be given to the approval of attendance of Members of the Planning and Licensing Committee at the 2006 Planning Summer School to be held in Canterbury 1 –5 September 2006.

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

5. The cost of Member attendance at the Planning Summer School will be met on a 50/50 basis from the Members Training and Development budget within the Leader's portfolio budget and the Environment Budget. (NS 24/5/06)

Legal Services Comments (KK)

6. 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.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

7. Conference details.

Electoral Divisions Affected

8. All.