

REPORT OF THE LEADER**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE &
EXHIBITION BOURNEMOUTH 8-10 JULY 2014****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the attendance of two members and one officer at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference & Exhibition, Bournemouth, 8-10 July 2014.

Information and Advice

2. The LGA covers every part of England and Wales, and is the voice of local government. The Local Government Association's annual conference is the largest event in the local government calendar, regularly attracting over 1,200 delegates and keynote speakers from central and local government alike.

Last year the LGA used its annual conference to set out, through its 'Rewiring Public Services' campaign, a range of propositions that will change the relationship for the better between central and local government, and address the financial issues that are providing serious challenges to the sector.

This year's annual conference comes at a pivotal time between the May local elections and the 2015 General Election. The LGA will use this conference as an opportunity to build on the 'Rewiring' work and look to the priorities of whichever government is formed in May 2015. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for national politicians to hear first-hand the key challenges for the sector, and what needs to be done to address them.

The programme of this year's annual conference will consist of a mix of cross-party political addresses and other significant plenary sessions by key players throughout the local government community, taking in private and voluntary perspectives. There will also be an opportunity to take part in a variety of workshop and fringe sessions.

Other Options Considered

3. No other options considered

Reasons for Recommendation

4. To ensure the County Council's attendance at this years annual conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

6. The estimated cost per person for attending the conference is £840.00. The costs for member and officer attendance will be met from the budget for members/staff conference fees within the Policy, Planning and Corporate Services Department.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the attendance of two members and one officer at the Local Government Association Conference and Exhibition.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (SG 20/02/14)

The Committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this report.

Financial Comments (SEM 03/02/14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Paper

Bulletin from the LGA

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All