



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE		
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REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, POLICY, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Attendance at UK – Russia local government conference, September 2004

Purpose of Report

1. To notify members of the committee of the cancellation of the conference.

Information and Advice

- 2a. At the meeting of the Administration Committee on 30 June 2004 approval was given for the attendance of Councillor Bromfield and Al Kestenbaum at the UK Russia local government conference in Volgograd from 10 – 13 September 2004.
- 2b. The conference was being organised by the Local Government International Bureau (LGIB), Twin Cities International Association, and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.
- 2c. On 29 July 2004 the LGIB notified all participants, including ourselves, that they had cancelled the conference because the low level of interest expressed by local authorities in the UK compromised the likelihood of a successful conference.

Financial Implications

3. No costs have been incurred by the County Council.

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. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the members of the committee note that the UK Russia conference for September 2004 has been cancelled and that no costs have been incurred by the county council.

Legal Services Comments (KK)

6. The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve officer travel outside Europe or in excess of four days in accordance with the council's travel and conference policy. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this committee.

Head of Resources' Financial Comments (C.C)(P.B)

7. The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

Electoral Divisions Affected

8. Countywide

Background papers available for inspection

None