

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2020

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the attendance of three Members and the Chief Executive at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference & Exhibition in Harrogate on 30 June - 2 July 2020.

Information and Advice

2. The LGA covers every part of England and Wales, and is the voice of local government. The LGA's annual conference is the largest event in the local government calendar, regularly attracting over 1,400 delegates, 130 speakers and more than 100 exhibitors. This year's event is being held on 30 June - 2 July in Harrogate
3. This year's conference will focus on the key issues affecting local communities including sustainable funding, adult and children's social care, housing and homelessness and local government in a post-Brexit world.
4. The programme 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 opportunities to take part in a variety of workshops and fringe sessions.
5. It is proposed that the Leader and Deputy Leader attend the conference along with the Chief Executive. The remaining place will be offered to the main Opposition group.

Other Options Considered

6. To not send any delegates to the event but this would mean the Council missing out on a valuable opportunity to share best practice and utilise valuable networking opportunities.

Reasons for Recommendation

7. To enable the County Council to be appropriately represented at this year's annual conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

9. The cost of each conference place remains again at £545 this year (which reflects a reduced rate for LGA Members). The costs for Member attendance and related travel and accommodation will be met from the Democratic Services budget for Member conference fees and will be in accordance with the requirements and rules within the Travel and Accommodation Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the attendance of the Leader, Deputy Leader, a member of the main Opposition group and the Chief Executive at the Local Government Association Annual Conference and Exhibition.

COUNCILLOR MRS KAY CUTTS MBE
Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (SS 03/03/2020)

The recommendation falls within the remit of Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 03/03/2020)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 9 of the report. The costs will be contained within the appropriate budgetary provision.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- The Local Government Association's dedicated website for the event –

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=263589&eventID=776&traceRedir=2>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All