



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

ATTENDANCE AT LGPS TRUSTEES CONFERENCE

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the attendance of 2 members at the LGPS Trustees Conference, to be held at York on 13 and 14 October 2004.

Information and Advice

2. Approval is sought within the terms of the Council's Conference and Travel Policy for 2 members of the Pensions Committee and its sub-committees to attend this conference.
3. Attendance at/participation in this event has been considered under paragraph 3 of that policy and the following comments are offered:-

Most members of the Pensions Committee and its sub-committees have attended training courses organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee and have received certificates for this attendance. Last year a conference was organised by LGPC as a follow-up to these courses, and the County Council was represented at that conference. The conference was a success, and it is intended to become an annual event, with this year's conference taking place at York on 13/14 October 2004. The conference will hear from a number of well-known speakers from the pensions industry on topical issues, and it is essential for members, acting in a quasi-trustee role on pensions matters, to be aware of current issues. This conference will contribute towards that.

4. The costs associated with the above event are as follows:-

Description	Amount
Conference fee	£325
Travel expenses	£100

The travelling expenses shown above are for travel by car. Hence, the cost for 2 members, travelling together, would be £750, which can be met from the Pension Fund's Trustee Training and Activities Budget.

5. The County Council's representatives would be staying at the Conference Hotel so that they are closer to the business of the event. This is included in the conference fee.

6. **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

The attendance of 2 members at the LGPS Trustee Conference at York on 13/14 October 2004 be approved.

8. **Legal Services' Comments (KK)**

The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve the attendance of Members at Conferences and Seminars. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee.

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Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

Conference Details – LGPS Circular 153 – April 2004

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All

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