



Meeting

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Date

15th March 2006

agenda item number

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND 4PS GETTING READY TO DELIVER: DELIVERING THE BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAMME MARCH 20TH - LONDON

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for attendance at the LGA Building Schools for the future conference 20th March 2006, in London.

Information and Advice

2. This conference will highlight the key learning points from the programme so far, and different approaches authorities are using to deliver Building Schools for the Future: 4ps and Partnerships for schools will present on what is needed to deliver both an efficient and transformational programme of work.

- 2.1 Key themes covered by the conference will include

- learning form the first projects
- creating a vision for education
- funding for extended provision
- the impact of the schools whitepaper
- project review and approval.

Reasons for attendance

3. The Labour Group have requested that one of their members attend the conference to have the opportunity to learn what is needed to deliver a programme not only for new schools but to transform educational opportunities for all children.

Travel and Accommodation requirements

4. The County Council's representatives will require hotel accommodation and rail travel.

Description	Amount	To be met from
Conference fee	199.00	Members' Conferences Budget
Travelling expenses	110.00	Members' Conferences Budget
Accommodation	Nil	Members' Conferences Budget
Subsistence	21.00	Members' Conferences Budget

4.2 The travelling expenses shown are for standard class rail travel.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report is necessary to ensure compliance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy and current arrangements for approving attendance at conference, seminars and Member Training events. The needs of individual travellers will have been considered when compiling the report and, where departures from the policy are recommended, Members should consider the reasons given.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that consideration be given to the attendance of one Member at the LGA Delivering the Building Schools for the Future programme in London on 20th March 2006.

P A HOLT-MURPHY
HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

Legal Services Comments (KK)

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.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments (MB)

The financial implications are outlined in the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Conference leaflet.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.

