

17 November 2021**Agenda Item:13****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****MODERNISING AND DE-CARBONISING ENERGY – ATTENDANCE AT
DIGITAL CONFERENCE – 6 DECEMBER 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for relevant Member attendance at the Modernising and De-Carbonising Energy Digital Conference to be held virtually on 6 December 2021.

Information and Advice

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at relevant conferences and similar events for which fees are payable. In this instance, the fee for attendance is £250 + VAT. It is therefore appropriate to seek the Committee's approval to attend. It is proposed that Councillor Ogle, Vice-Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee will attend the event.
3. The event will be addressed by the Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, and features input from central government, regulators, energy and low carbon companies and business organisations. The Conference will cover progress to date on reducing greenhouse emissions, and how the UK's infrastructure will need to adapt to address the impact of climate change, with a focus on integrating low carbon gas and electricity networks.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. It is recommended that approval be given for attendance at the event so that the County Council can continue to learn from shared best practice and network with local authorities and other partners in relation to reducing greenhouse emissions and supporting the integration of low-carbon energy networks.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

8. The charge for attending the event is £250 + VAT. As this is a digital event, there are no additional costs, such as travel and accommodation, normally associated with Conference attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for Councillor Ogle, Vice-Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee, to attend the Modernising and De-Carbonising Energy Digital Conference on 6 December 2021.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 05/11/2021)

9. Transport and Environment Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 05/11/2021)

10. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report.
11. The charge for attending the event is £250 + VAT. As this is a digital event, there are no additional costs, such as travel and accommodation, normally associated with Conference attendance.
12. The costs for the Vice-Chairman of Transport and Environment Committee to attend the virtual conference will be met from the budget for Members' Conferences, for which there is an allocation of £6,000 in 2021/22.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- [Westminster Insight : Decarbonising the UK Energy Sector Digital Conference \(wminsightuk.com\)](http://wminsightuk.com)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All