



meeting

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

date

6 JULY 2005

agenda item number

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE FOR COUNCILLORS

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1. To seek approval for

- (a) attendance at this CIPFA seminar for Elected Members.
- (b) the travel necessary in connection with the event.

#### **2. Information and Advice**

2.1 Under the Travel and Accommodation Policy and other arrangements approved by the full Council on 7 October 2004, this Committee is the appropriate body for considering/approving attendance at a range of events and the travel and accommodation requirements arising therefrom.

This report describes a proposal which is within the Committee's decision-making powers and Members are asked to consider whether attendance at the event should be approved (inc number of representatives), together with any necessary travel, accommodation or other arrangements.

The information included within the following sections of the report should ensure compliance with normal decision-making rules. If attendance is approved, the details referred to below will be used to compile the public register, which is available on the Council's web-site.

#### **3. Reasons for attendance**

3.1 The CIPFA seminar for Elected Members on Local Government Finance is taking place on 14 July 2005 at the Montague on the Gardens Hotel in London. This will provide an overview of the Local Government finance system and insight into topical issues like the new funding arrangements for the schools and the progress being made by

the Lyons inquiry into methods of funding Local Government. The seminar leaders are Tony Travers and Rita Hale, who have vast experience in these matters. It is proposed that Cllr. Richard Jackson, the Conservative spokesperson for finance, should attend this seminar.

#### **4. Travel and Accommodation requirements**

4.1 The County Council's representative will require rail travel.

The costs associated with the event are as follows:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Conference	£395
Travelling expenses	<u>£100</u>
	£495

The travelling expenses shown above are for 2<sup>nd</sup> class rail travel.

These costs will be met from the budget provision for Members Conference Expenses.

#### **5. Statutory and Policy Implications**

5.1 This report is necessary to ensure compliance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation policy and current arrangements for approving attendance at conferences, 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.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 Approval be given for Cllr. R Jackson to attend the CIPFA Seminar on Local Government Finance for Councillors in London on 14 July 2005.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

#### **Legal Services Comments (KK)**

The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars, including travel and associated costs. The proposal in this report, insofar as it is in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy, is in the remit of this Committee.

#### **Background Papers Available for Public Inspection**

Letter from CIPFA May 2005

**Electoral Division(s) Affected**

Nottinghamshire