

REPORT OF THE LEADER**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE &
EXHIBITION HARROGATE 30 JUNE - 2 JULY 2015****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, Harrogate, 30th June to 2nd July 2015.

Information and Advice

2. The LGA covers every part of England and Wales, and is the voice of local government. The Local Government Association's annual conference is the largest event in the local government calendar, regularly attracting over 1,200 delegates.
3. The 2015 conference will take place 50 days in to the new Government, halfway through their first crucial 'first 100 days' of office and in the lead up to one of the most important Comprehensive Spending Reviews of the recent years. The conference will also be an opportunity to take stock and see how far the call for greater local powers and devolution has come since Scotland's historic vote in 2014.
4. The conference will provide delegates with an opportunity to challenge and debate the progress made by the new Government with Ministers and shadow spokespersons alongside other key players from central and local government, and private and voluntary sector partners.
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. No other options considered.

Reasons for Recommendation

7. To ensure the County Council's attendance at this years annual conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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 is £495 (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 three Members and the Chief Executive at the Local Government Association Conference and Exhibition in Harrogate on 30 June – 2 July 2015.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 04/02/15)

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

Financial Comments (SEM 06/02/15)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

- Electronic bulletin from the LGA

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All