

report



meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

date **11 MAY 2004**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
(TRANSPORTATION)**

NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARDS - 8 JULY 2004

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval from the Committee for four Members to attend the above mentioned Awards Ceremony.

Background

2. Each year the Centre for Transport Policy (CTP) gives a number of awards to recognise excellence in the area of Transportation. This year this Authority submitted an application to CTP for the main award "Transport. Authority of the Year". We have now been advised that the Authority is one of four shortlisted Authorities being considered for this Award and on the 12 May will be visited by Professor David Begg Director, The Centre for Transport Policy and Chair of the Commission for Integrated Transport and Baroness Ros Scott Chair, Transport Committee Local Government Association to be assessed as part of the final evaluation process.

The Award

3. The Awards will be presented at a dinner to be held at The Sheraton Park Lane Hotel London on the 8 July 2004. Speakers at that National Transport Awards Dinner will include Professor David Begg, Baroness Ros Scott and The Rt. Hon. Alistair Darling MP Secretary of State for Transport.
4. The Award winners will be announced at the dinner itself and accordingly it is proposed that the Authorities three Lead Members and Environment Portfolio Holder attend the Awards ceremony.
5. Clearly, to be considered in the last four of this prestigious National Award is a testimony to the skill and ability of the Authority in this important area of work and attendance at the ceremony will give an opportunity for Members to talk to their counterparts from other Authorities.

Costs

6. The costs associated with the four Councillors attending the event are as follows:-

4 x Return Rail Travel	£588.00
Accommodation for one night	£420.00
4 x Subsistence	£82.88
4 x Tickets to the National Transport Award Dinner	<u>£520.00</u>

Total **£1,610.88**

On the 9 July 2004 the Awards ceremony will be followed by the 7th UK Chairs Of Transport Conference. This will take place at One Great George Street Westminster, London and will be attended by Councillor Butler the

Environment Portfolio Holder. The cost of attending this Conference is £295.00. No other costs will be incurred in association with this National Conference. All costs will be funded from the Environment Department Revenue Budget

- 7, The issues to be discussed at the Conference include, National verses Local Transport Objectives, the political reality of local decision making, the difficulties of delivering local improvements, delivering bus priority and guided bus ways, implementing road safety measures and local rail services.

Recommendation

Finally, it is Recommended that the three Council Leaders and Councillor Butler attend the National Transport Awards Dinner and that Councillor Butler attend the 7th UK Chairs Of Transport Conference.

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Executive Head of Democratic and Legal Services Comments (KK)

The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve the attendance of Members at conferences and seminars. The proposals in this report are therefore within the remit of this Committee.

Director of Resources Financial Comments

The costs of attending the National Transport Awards and Conference will be met from the Environment Portfolio Budget. {MA 22.4.04}

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