

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2022****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 in Harrogate on 28-30 June 2022.

Information and Advice

2. The LGA covers every part of England and Wales and is the voice of local government. The LGA's annual conference is the largest event in the local government calendar, regularly attracting over 1,400 delegates, 130 speakers and more than 100 exhibitors. This year's event is being held on 28-30 June in Harrogate
3. This year's conference will focus on the key issues affecting local communities with the programme and keynote speakers due to be finalised early in 2022.
4. The programme will consist of a mix of cross-party political addresses and other significant plenary sessions by key players throughout the local government community, taking in private and voluntary perspectives. There will also be opportunities to take part in a variety of workshops and fringe sessions.
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 Minority Group.

Other Options Considered

6. To not send any delegates to the event but this would mean the Council missing out on a valuable opportunity to share best practice and utilise valuable networking opportunities.

Reasons for Recommendation

7. To enable the County Council to be appropriately represented at this year's annual conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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

9. The cost of each conference place remains at £545 (£495 early bird price), which reflects a reduced rate for LGA Members. The costs of the conference places for Members and related travel and accommodation will be met from the Democratic Services budget for Member conference fees and in accordance with the requirements and rules within the Travel and Accommodation Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the Leader, Deputy Leader, a member of the Main Minority Group and the Chief Executive to attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference and Exhibition on 28-30 June 2022 in Harrogate.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (LW – 10/12/2021)

Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2021)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

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Background Papers

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.

- The Local Government Association's dedicated website for the event –

[Events date and venue \(local.gov.uk\)](https://www.local.gov.uk/events)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All