



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

date 2 November 2005

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

LGA ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE CONFERENCE

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval for three members and one officer to attend this conference being held in London on 9 December 2005.

2. Information and Advice

2.1 Each year, the LGA organises a conference on Local Government Finance shortly after the Provisional RSG announcement has been made by the Government. It is customary for the Conference to be addressed by Ministers and Opposition spokes persons, and also to hear from Civil Servants and Local Government Officers who have been closely involved in the RSG negotiations over recent months.

2.2 This year's Conference is being held at The Congress Centre, Great Russell Street, London on Friday 9 December 2005. It is proposed that approval should be given for one member of each Political Group to attend this Conference, if they wish, together with an Officer from the Resources Department.

2.2 The estimated costs for four people attending this Conference are:-

Conference Fee	£880
Travel	£400
TOTAL	£1280

The travel costs are based on standard rail fare. The costs will be met from the Budget for Members Conference Expenses.

3. **Statutory and Policy Implications**

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

4. **Recommendation**

- 4.1 Approval be given to three members and one Officer to attend the LGA Annual Local Government Finance Conference in London on 9 December 2005.

5. **Legal Services Comments**

The Administration Committee is responsible for approving expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars, including expenditure on travel and associated costs. The proposal in this report, insofar as it is in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy and related to Members, is within the remit of this Committee. Approval for officer attendance is a departmental matter. (KK 6.10.05)

6. **Background Papers**

Available for inspection are Conference Agenda

ARTHUR DEAKIN
Director of Resources