

meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

date **13th September 2011**

agenda item **7**

REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, MEMBERS AND CIVIC SERVICES

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK 10TH OCTOBER 2011 LONDON

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider approval for the attendance of Councillor C Barnfather and Councillor R Butler at the Understanding the National Policy Framework conference in London on 10th October 2011.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 LG Group and the Planning Advisory Service invites authorities to explore what the National Policy Framework means for them and what authorities need to consider in terms of planning for people, places and prosperity.

This conference will

- Explore the latest developments at national level and what they mean locally
- Unpack the proposed presumption in favour of sustainable development, the duty to co-operate, and the role of evidence in developing plans
- Provide delegates with practical advice and the opportunity to share experience with other practitioners, from the public and professional

This event is limited to 100 delegates, with 2 free places offered to each planning authority on a first come first served basis. Due to the summer holidays and the fact that the next Administration Committee is not meeting until 13th September two places have already been reserved.

- 2.2 Councillor Butler as the Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability, Councillor Barnfather as the Chairman of Planning & Licensing have been the nominated.

- 2.3 The cost of attendance per person is estimated as:-

Conference Fee	Nil
Travel Standard class rail at peak time)	<u>£170.00</u>
Total	£ 170.00

These costs can be met from Members' Allowance budget.

3. Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder, human rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That consideration be given to granting approval for Councillor R Butler and Councillor C Barnfather to attend The Understanding the National Planning Policy Framework conference in London on 10th October 2011.

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Legal Services' Comments (SLB 01/09/2011)

The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of paragraph 10.2 of the Delegation to Administration Committee, which authorises the Committee to approve expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars, and associated travel and accommodation costs.

Comments of the Service Director Finance (MB 26/08/11)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

Background Papers available for inspection

Conference Leaflet

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.