

meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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agenda item **4(c)**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER MEMBER SUPPORT WESTMINSTER ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FORUM KEYNOTE SEMINAR, 18 NOVEMBER 2010, LONDON

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the attendance of Councillor S Creamer at the Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Seminar, 'Engaging the Public on Climate Change' in London on 18th November 2010.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 As doubts persist about the causes and future impact of climate change, this seminar will explore how government and the scientific community can foster better engagement with the public on issues around climate change.

Including a Keynote presentation from the European commission, planned sessions will focus on:

- Identifying the strategies required to effectively engage the public with climate change
 - The prospects for fostering climate change consensus
 - Latest news on social marketing and incentivising behaviour
 - The view from the European Commission
 - The UK climate change position, outlook and next steps for policy.
- 2.2 Councillor Creamer would like to attend in his capacity as Opposition Spokesperson on Environment and Sustainability, and to gain a better understanding of climate change.
- 2.3 The cost of attendance is estimated as follows:

Seminar fee	£190.00
Travel (Standard class rail at peak time)	<u>£140.00</u>
Total	£330.00

The costs can be met from the Members Allowances 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. Recommendations

- 4.1 That consideration be given to granting approval for Councillor S Creamer to attend The Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum Keynote Seminar.

Legal Services' Comments (SLB 25/06/2010)

The Administration Committee is responsible for approving expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars including expenditure on travel, accommodation and associated costs. The proposal in this report, insofar as it is in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy, is within the remit of this Committee.

Comments of the Service Director Finance

The financial implications are outlined in the report. (MB 12/03/10)

Background Papers available for inspection

Conference Leaflet

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.