



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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## REPORT OF THE JOINT ACTING HEADS OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

### MAINSTREAMING EQUALITIES ACROSS THE PUBLIC SECTOR TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval for

- a) attendance of one Member at the Mainstreaming Equalities across the Public Sector conference on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in London
- b) the travel, accommodation necessary in connection with the event.

#### 2. Information and Advice

Under the Travel and Accommodation Policy and other arrangements approved by the full Council on 7 October 2004, this Committee is the appropriate body for considering/approving attendance at a range of events and the travel and accommodation requirements arising therefrom.

This report describes a proposal which is within the Committee's decision-making powers and Members are asked to consider whether attendance at the event should be approved (inc number of representatives), together with any necessary travel, accommodation or other arrangements.

The information included within the following sections of the report should ensure compliance with normal decision-making rules. If attendance is approved, the details referred to below will be used to compile the public Register, which is available on the Council's web-site.

#### 3. Reasons for attendance

In terms of race, gender and disability, public authorities have a duty to actively advance equality and diversity across their organisation and all of its activities.

Delegates attending this conference will learn more about:-

- the role and powers of the Equality and Human Rights Commission
- the Government response to the Equality Review and the Discrimination Law Review
- measuring the performance of your equalities strategies
- successfully implementing a Single Equality Scheme.

#### **4. Travel and Accommodation Requirements**

If approval is granted the County Council Member will require rail travel.

The estimated costs associated with the event are as follows:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To be met from</b>
Conference fee	399.00	Members' Allowances Budget
Travel	115.00	Members' Allowances Budget
Subsistence	21.00	Members' Allowances Budget
Total	535.00	

The travel costs shown are for standard class rail travel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That approval be given for the attendance of one Member at the Mainstreaming Equalities across the Public Sector conference in London on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- 2) That in accordance with usual practice, any representative authorised to attend the conference be required to produce a written report evaluating their attendance for consideration as appropriate with the Council.

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**JOINT ACTING HEADS OF MEMBERS' SERVICES**

#### **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 and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

### **Strategic Director of Resources Financial Comments (MB 03/01/08)**

The financial implications are outlined in the report.

### **Legal Services Comments (SLB 04.01.08)**

The Administration Committee has authority by virtue of Paragraph 8.2 of Part III of the Constitution, Responsibility for Functions.

### **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

Conference leaflet.