



Meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REFERRAL FROM THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE AT 2005 PLANNING SUMMER SCHOOL

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider proposals of the Planning and Licensing Committee in relation to attendance at the annual Planning Summer School.

Information and Advice

2. This year's Planning Summer School is to be held from 2 – 6 September at the Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. The Planning and Licensing Committee has previously been represented at this event and at its last meeting considered the issue of attendance at this year's School.
 - 2.1 The Planning and Licensing Committee felt that there would be benefit in again attending this event so that Members could be kept aware of the changing nature of planning legislation, have the opportunity to be kept advised of best practice across a wide spectrum of planning activities and discuss the relevant planning matters with representatives of other Local Planning Authorities.
 - 2.2 Costs for attendance at this year's School will be approximately £645 per place (which includes conference fee, accommodation for the residential course and meals) and, additionally, it is anticipated that there will be travel costs of £150 per Member attending.
 - 2.3 The Planning and Licensing Committee was of the view that it would be appropriate for six Members of that Committee to attend the School and the Administration Committee is asked to consider this proposal in accordance with its constitutional responsibilities.

RECOMMENDED

3. That consideration be given to approving the attendance of six Members of the Planning and Licensing Committee at the 2005 Planning Summer School to be held in Edinburgh from 2 – 6 September.

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. 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.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

5. The cost of Member attendance at the Planning Summer School needs to be contained within the Leader's portfolio budget (DJK31.3.05).

Legal Services Comments

6. This Committee has power to decide the recommendation (SHB.6.4.05)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

7. Conference details.

Electoral Divisions Affected

8. All.