

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY</b>	
date	<b>1 AUGUST 2003</b>	agenda item number

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

#### FIRE 2003 CONFERENCE

#### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Fire 2003 Conference and Exhibition and seek approval for the attendance of Members.

#### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Annual Fire Conference is to be held in Glasgow at the Glasgow Moathouse Hotel and the Fire 2003 exhibition set in the adjacent Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre (SECC) from Tuesday, 9 September to Thursday, 11 September 2003. It is being organised by Fire Conference and Exhibitions Limited and DMG World Media on behalf of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association (CACFOA), the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) and the Protection Association (FPA).
- 2.2 Fire 2003 is the biggest fire event of the year and has become the focal point of the fire professionals' annual activities. It is the three days when all concerned with fire prevention and protection come together to exchange ideas, expand their knowledge and discover the latest innovation products and services available.
- 2.3 It has been 5 years since Fire was last held in Glasgow and since then unprecedented change and major challenges have occurred for the fire industry and related sectors. This year's Conference will reflect the changes and major challenges facing the diverse groups involved in Europe's leading fire industry conference.
- 2.4 A copy of the programme is attached for information.

#### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The anticipated cost of attending the conference, including accommodation for three nights, travel and subsistence will be approximately £700 per delegate. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member Conference Expenses.

#### **4 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

**6 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

**7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That representation by the Fire Authority is made at this Conference on the basis of two members from the majority group and one from the minority group.

**8 BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION**

None

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