

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

FIRE 2005 CONFERENCE

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Fire 2005 Conference and Exhibition and seek approval for the attendance of Members.

2 BACKGROUND

Fire 2005 is the biggest fire event of the year and has become the focal point of the fire professionals' annual activities. It is the two 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.

3 REPORT

3.1 The Annual Fire Conference is to be held in Manchester at the GMEX Conference Centre on Wednesday 2 November and Thursday 3 November 2005. It is being organised on behalf of the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA), the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), Fire Protection Association (FPA), FIRE Magazine and Greater Manchester County Fire Service.

3.2 This year's Conference programme is yet to be finalised, but in previous years it has reflected the changes and major challenges facing the diverse groups involved in Europe's leading fire industry conference.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The anticipated cost of attending the conference, including accommodation for two nights, travel and subsistence is yet to be confirmed, but will be approximately £500. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member Conference Expenses.

5 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial assessment has revealed there are no equality issues arising from this report.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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