

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	
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### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2006

##### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Local Government Association Conference to be held at The Holiday Inn, Runcorn, Cheshire, from Tuesday 15 March to Wednesday 16 March 2006 and to seek approval of the Authority for the attendance of Members at this Conference.

##### 2 BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association organises an annual conference for Fire Authorities. This event has now become a major event in the 'fire' calendar. Previous themes for the conference have included "Making Connections – Solutions for our Communities" and "Forward Together".

##### 3 REPORT

3.1 Whilst planning for this year's conference is still underway, the theme of the conference is "Safety and Cohesion – Improving Delivery at the Heart of our Communities". The programme for the two days will cover a range of topics of interest to the fire community, including :

- Partnership working and Local Area Agreements ;
- Building on the lessons from the Comprehensive Performance Assessment ;
- Promoting community fire safety ;
- Supporting community cohesion ;
- Achieving diversity.

3.2 Speakers are being drawn from fire and rescue, local authorities, central government and other key agencies. There will be a mix of satellite sessions, plenary sessions with opportunities to question the speakers, and addresses from MPs on their views of the modernisation programme within the Fire and Rescue Service.

##### 4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Conference Fee is £364.25 (inc. VAT) per delegate for Member Authorities, excluding travel, accommodation and subsistence, which will take the final cost to approximately £550. This will be met from the budget for Members' conference expenses.

##### 5 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

**6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An initial impact assessment has revealed that there are no specific 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 be 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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