

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE & ACCOUNTANCY (CIPFA) CONFERENCE 2006

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the CIPFA 2006 Conference and seek approval for the attendance of the Chair of Finance and Resources.

2 BACKGROUND

CIPFA Conference is the largest event in the area of local government and public sector finance. It presents an opportunity for delegates to hear some of the leading experts in the field of finance speaking on a range of current and emergent issues for the public sector.

3 REPORT

3.1 The CIPFA Annual Conference is to be held in Harrogate on Wednesday 14 June and Thursday 15 June 2006. Speakers include Sir Michael Lyons, Rt. Hon Frank Field MP, Rt. Hon Hilary Benn MP and Sir Michael Barber, on a range of issues from public sector pensions reform, reorganisation of Local Government, future funding arrangements, financial management and performance.

3.2 It is considered particularly important that, in addition to the Head of Resources and Finance who attends as the Authority's Chief Financial Officer, the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee should also attend. This is an early opportunity for her to continue her engagement with both specific financial issues affecting the Service and those wider issues affecting Local Government and the public sector as a whole.

3.3 The conference programme (see Appendix A) is varied and also contains a series of specific workshops which in previous years have proven to be very useful and challenging.

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 £800. 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 approval is given for the attendance of the Chair of Finance and Resources at this conference as part of an ongoing programme of member training and development.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 13 June 16.00 CIPFA Annual General Meeting

17.00 Fringe Lecture: Rt Hon Lord Hattersley

Evening free for corporate hospitality

Wednesday 14 June

09.15	Welcome Address The President of CIPFA	
09.30	Opening Summit Sir Michael Barber McKinsey and former Head of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit	
10.15	Coffee	
10.45	Public Service Improvement Steve Bundred Chief Executive, Audit Commission Local Government – Functions, Funding, Futures	Workshops (10.45-12.15): 1. <u>What's next in International Development?</u> 2. <u>Size Matters</u>
11.45	Sir Michael Lyons Chair, Lyons Inquiry into Local Government	
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	Targets – have they delivered? Simon Jenkins , Journalist and Robert Hill Former No. 10 Adviser Local Government Functions and Funding The Efficiency Challenge	Workshops (14.00-15.30): 3. <u>Preparing for Disaster – the Role of the Finance Officer</u> 4. <u>Governors as Guardians of Public Value</u>
15.00	John Oughton Chief Executive, OGC	
15.45	Tea	
16.15	Public Reporting & Accountability Awards Ceremony Hosted by: David Walker , <i>The Guardian</i>	
17.15	The Inaugural CIPFA/PwC Accountability Lecture Dr Tony Wright MP Chair, Public Administration Committee CIPFA 2006 Reception – all delegates & exhibitors invited	

Thursday 15 June

09.15	Reforming the NHS Niall Dickson , Chief Executive, Kings Fund and Bernard Crump , Chief Executive, NHS Institute of Improvement & Innovation Shaping The Public Services - is big beautiful?
10.15	Prof Colin Talbot Chair of Public Policy and Management at Manchester Business School

11.00		Coffee
11.30	Peter Housden Permanent Secretary, ODPM	Workshops: 5. <u>Governing Partnerships</u> 6. <u>Setting the Record Straight</u>
12.30	Sustainability Framework Launch Reception (all delegates invited)	7. <u>What has Sustainability got to do with Reporting?</u>
12.15		Lunch
14.00	Pensions Reform Rt Hon Frank Field MP and Glyn Jenkins Senior Pensions Officer, UNISON	
15.00		Tea
15.30	Financial Management – a key lever for performance improvement Mary Keegan Head of Government Accountancy Services	
16.15	Closing Summit David Walker , US Comptroller General	
19.30	Gala Ball Majestic Hotel	