

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2007

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Local Government Association Conference to be held at The Holiday Inn, Peterborough West, from Tuesday 13 March to Wednesday 14 March 2007 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 and Rescue 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", "Forward Together" and "Safety and Cohesion – Improving Delivery at the Heart of our Communities".

3 REPORT

3.1 Whilst planning for next year's conference is still underway, the theme of the conference is "Fire & Rescue in 2017 : Rising to the Challenge" and will see launch at the conference of a shared vision for fire and rescue in 2017. The programme for the two days will cover a range of topics of interest to the fire community and will take a fresh look at the challenges and opportunities facing the Service in the medium term.

3.2 Speakers are being drawn from both within and outside the fire community and will look at key issues for the future including :

- The future of partnership working ;
- Harnessing the power of technology ;
- Getting the best from staff ; and
- Taking forward the preventative agenda.

3.3 There will be a mix of satellite sessions and plenary sessions with opportunities to question the speakers.

3.4 In addition to the opportunity to receive information on current Fire and Rescue Service issues, and networking with Members from other Authorities, attendance at such events contributes to the learning and development opportunities for Members.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Conference Fee is £411.25 (inc. VAT) per delegate for Member Authorities, excluding travel, accommodation and subsistence, which will take the final cost to approximately £600 per delegate. 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 & Rescue Authority be made at this Conference on the basis of two Members from the majority group and one from the lead opposition group.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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