

## report

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

#### FIRE & RESCUE 2007 CONFERENCE

##### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Fire & Rescue 2007 Conference and Exhibition and seek approval for the attendance of Members.

##### 2 BACKGROUND

Fire 2007 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.

##### 3 REPORT

3.1 The annual Fire & Rescue Conference is to be held in Birmingham at the National Exhibition Centre from Tuesday 22 May to Thursday 24 May 2007. The conference is once again organised by Fire Conferences & Exhibitions Ltd (FCE) and will be co-located with the fire prevention and protection event, International Fire Expo, Safety & Health Expo, the Facilities Show and Europe's leading annual security event, IFSEC.

3.2 The conference programme is still to be finalised but will cover the latest issues affecting the fire fighting and fire prevention industries, and will include seminars and workshops with speakers both from within and outside the industries. Speakers are to include Lord Stevens, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lord Bruce-Lockhart, Chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA), as well as the Minister for Fire. In addition, the main plenary sessions will focus on the LGA's 10 Year Vision, Procurement, Fleet Management and Flood Management.

##### 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 £750 per delegate. 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 of the Fire and Rescue Authority is made at this conference on the basis of two Members from the majority group and one from the lead opposition group, as part of an ongoing programme of Member training and development.

**9 BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION**

None.

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