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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2008

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda No:

Date: 07 December 2007

Purpose of Report:

To inform Members of the Local Government Association Conference to be held at Royal Court Hotel Coventry, from Tuesday 11 March to Wednesday 12 March 2008 and to seek approval of the Authority for the attendance of Members at this Conference.

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1. 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 "Fire & Rescue in 2017: Rising to the Challenge".

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Whilst planning for next year's conference is still underway, the theme of the conference is "Building Resilience: Responding to Environmental Change". The programme for the two days will cover a range of topics of interest to the fire community with particular focus on risks posed by extreme weather and strengthening resilience to respond to complex incidents.
- 2.2 Speakers are being drawn from both within and outside the fire community and will look at key issues for the future including :
- Developing a diverse and multi-skilled workforce to build capacity ;
 - Harnessing new technologies ; and
 - Conducting activities in an environmentally sustainable way.
- 2.3 There will be a mix of satellite sessions and plenary sessions with opportunities to question the speakers.
- 2.4 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.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Conference Fee is £423.00 (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.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

7. 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.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

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