



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

FIRE AND RESCUE 2008 CONFERENCE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda No:

Date: 23 May 2008

Purpose of Report:

To inform Members of the Fire and Rescue 2008 Conference and Exhibition and seek approval for the attendance of Members.

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1. BACKGROUND

Fire 2008 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.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The annual Fire and Rescue Conference is to be held in Liverpool at the Arena and Conference Centre from Tuesday 26 August to Thursday 28 August 2008. The conference is once again organised by Fire Conferences and Exhibitions Ltd (FCE) and is timed to coincide with the World Firefighter Games.
- 2.2 The conference programme is still to be finalised, but will cover the latest issues affecting the fire fighting and fire prevention industries. As well as the traditional Chief Fire Officers Association President and Ministerial exchange, the professional development sessions to be discussed at this year's event are such matters as current health and safety issues, operational doctrine, flooding and the environment, comprehensive area assessments and community safety evaluation, as well as several workshops.

3. 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 per delegate. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member Conference Expenses.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial equality impact assessment has been undertaken and has revealed there are no equalities implications arising from this report. The assessment is attached to this report at Appendix A.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at the Annual Fire and Rescue Conference ensures that the Service remains in touch with the latest developments in the fire industry. It also ensures that the Service engages with national partners and shares best practice.

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 (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

Frank Swann
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<i>Section</i> SMT	<i>Manager</i> CFO Frank Swann	Date of Assessment 11 February 2008	New or Existing N/A
Name of Report to be assessed		FIRE AND RESCUE 2008 CONFERENCE	
1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the report.		To inform Members of the Fire and Rescue 2008 Conference and Exhibition and seek approval for the attendance of Members.	
2. Who is intended to benefit from this report and what are the outcomes?		Fire and Rescue Authority Members, as part of an ongoing programme of Member training and development.	
3. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the report?		Fire and Rescue Authority Members.	
4. Who implements and who is responsible for the report?		Chief Fire Officer.	

5. Please identify the differential impact in the terms of the six strands below. Please tick yes if you have identified any differential impacts. Please state evidence of negative or positive impacts below.

<i>STRAND</i>	Y	N	<i>NEGATIVE IMPACT</i>	<i>POSITIVE IMPACT</i>
Race		X		
Gender		X		
Disability		X		
Religion or Belief		X		
Sexuality		X		
Age		X		

6. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group?	Y	N	7. Should the policy/service proceed to a full impact assessment?	Y	N
					X

I am satisfied that this policy has been successfully impact assessed. I understand the impact assessment of this policy is a statutory obligation and that, as owners of this policy, we take responsibility for the completion and quality of this process.

Signed (completing person) **CFO Frank Swann**

Date **11 February 2008**