



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2009

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda No:

Date: 19 December 2008

Purpose of Report:

To inform Members of the Local Government Association Conference to be held at the Bristol Marriott Hotel, Bristol, from Tuesday 10 March to Wednesday 11 March 2009 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", "Fire and Rescue in 2017: Rising to the Challenge" and "Building Resilience: Responding to Environmental Change."

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Local Government Association Fire and Rescue Conference 2009 will take place from Tuesday 10 March – Wednesday 11 March 2009 and will be held at the Bristol Marriott Hotel, Bristol.
- 2.2 Whilst planning for next year's conference is still underway, the theme of the conference is "Improving outcomes for communities through partnership working – the role of fire and rescue". The programme for the two days will cover a range of topics of interest to the fire community with particular focus on current and future issues in the fire and rescue service, meeting future challenges, and what Comprehensive Area Assessment and Local Area Agreements mean for the fire and rescue service.
- 2.3 Speakers are being drawn from both within and outside the fire community and a number of workshops will be offered, covering:
 - Implementing the new Regional Control Centres – practical issues;
 - Future of operational leadership in the fire and rescue service;
 - Role of Elected Members in partnership working.
- 2.4 There will be a mix of satellite sessions and plenary sessions with opportunities to question the speakers.
- 2.5 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 £650 per delegate. This will be met from the budget for Members' 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 impact assessment (attached at Appendix A) has revealed that there are no specific equality issues arising from this report.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That representation by the Fire and Rescue Authority be made at this conference on the basis of two Members from the majority group and one from the lead opposition group.

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

None.

Frank Swann
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Initial Equality Impact Assessment Questionnaire

This questionnaire will enable you to decide whether or not the new or proposed policy or service needs to go through a full Equality Impact Assessment.

Title of policy or service							Local Government Association Annual Fire and Rescue Conference 2009							
Name of Employee completing assessment:							Department and Section:							
Frank Swann							Strategic Management Suite							
1. State the purpose and aims of the policy or service.														
To seek representation by the Fire and Rescue Authority at this annual conference on the basis of two Members from the majority group and one from the lead opposition group.														
2. Who is responsible for implementing it?														
The Chief Fire Officer.														
3. Who is likely to be disproportionately affected by the proposal? People from which of the equality strands? (please tick)														
Age	Disability	Family Status	Gender	Race	Sexual Orientation	Religion or Belief								
4. If no boxes are ticked – there is no need to continue the EIA														