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Finance and Resources Committee

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY (CIPFA) CONFERENCE 2009

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda Item No:

Date: 27 March 2009

Purpose of Report:

To seek the approval of Members to the attendance of the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee at the CIPFA Conference 2009 to be held in Manchester on 23-25 June 2009.

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1. BACKGROUND

The CIPFA conference is the largest event in the area of local government and public sector finance. It presents an opportunity for delegates to hear some of the leading experts in the field of finance speaking on a range of current issues for the public sector.

2. REPORT

2.1 The theme of this year's conference is "Hard Times – Strategic Challenges for Government and Public Finance" and speakers will include:

- Alastair Campbell, former government chief strategist;
- Matthew Parris, former conservative MP and Times journalist;
- Steve Freer, Chief Executive of CIPFA;
- Brendan Barber, General Secretary of the TUC.

2.3 The usual format of the conference is that there are a number of plenary sessions as well as specific "interest streams" which will include:

- Crunch time – delivering in a downturn;
- IFRS learning from Central Government and Health;
- Innovation and improvement through collaboration;
- Resilience and rationality;
- Modelling for recovery;
- The role of the modern day director of Finance.

2.4 As well as being a busy conference in terms of attendance at sessions it also presents a useful networking opportunity.

2.5 The Head of Finance and Resources will accompany the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee at this conference.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of attending the conference, including accommodation for two nights, travel and subsistence will be approximately £850. This will be met from the budgetary provision for Members Conference Expenses and Officer 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 equality impact assessment has not been undertaken in respect of 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 Members approve the attendance of the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee at the CIPFA conference.

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

None.

Frank Swann
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER