

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	7
Date:	16th June 2008		Open
Category	2. Decision within the Functions of Executive 3. Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Conferences 2008/9		
Report by:	Head of Human Resources and Payroll		
Other Officers Involved	Human Resources Assistant		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	People and Performance		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation by using the knowledge gained to improve the way the Council delivers its services.

TARGETS

The subject matter does not contribute to any targets specified in any approved plans.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Knowledge gained will be used to improve the way in which the Council delivers its services.

THE REPORT

Attached is a list of Conferences attended in the 2007/2008 financial year together with costs. Special Council, at its meeting on 30th January 2002, resolved that one Member and one Officer attend each conference. Requests have already been received for this financial year and in some cases hotel accommodation has already been secured. This has been done to obtain 'early bird' discounts. A request has been received from the Head of Regeneration that an additional conference be added to the list for 2008/9, details attached.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Members consider whether or not attendance at the conferences listed for the 2008/2009 financial year be approved and provide Member nominations to

attend those conferences listed as necessary. Members also consider ad hoc conferences on an ongoing basis.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial - the costs listed are based on 2007/8 - increases in costs are expected therefore attendance be subject to budget availability

Legal - None

Human Resources - None

RECOMMENDATION(S) That (1) the report be received,

(2) Members consider whether or not attendance at the conferences listed for the 2008/2009 financial year be approved

(3) Member nominations be made to attend those conferences listed as necessary

(4) Members consider ad hoc conferences on an ongoing basis

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

To establish which conferences it would be most advantageous for the Council to attend.

ATTACHMENTS: Y
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT:

LIST OF CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE	DATE/VENUE 2007/2008	DELEGATES	COSTS FOR 2007/2008 PP	BOOKED FOR 2008/2009	DELEGATES	COSTS FOR 2008/2009 PP	NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
Chartered Institute of Housing	10th-21st June 2007 Harrogate	1 Officer 1 Member	£610.00 £675.00	No	1 Officer 1 Member		
LGA Annual Conference	3rd-5th July 2007 Birmingham	1 Officer 1 Member	£499.00	Yes	1 Officer 1 Member	£519.00 £519.00	Yes
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	Not attended in 2007/8						
LGA Rural Commission and Conference	5th September 2007 Torquay	1 Member	£229.00				
National Association of Councillors AGM and Conference	Not attended in 2007/8						
Regeneration and Renewal Conference –	22nd-23rd May 2008 London	1 Officer 1 Member	£619.00 £619.00		1 Officer	£599.00	Yes