



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Member Management Committee

Date: 13 October 2009

Subject: Approved Conference List

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

1. The objective of this report is to alert Members to the updated list of Approved Conferences.
2. Note the updated list of approved conferences and comment on the content and continued validity of the list.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to alert elected Members to the updated List of Approved Conferences and seek their views on the content and the continued validity of the list.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Member Management Committee held on the 2 June 2009 Members requested that the list of Approved Conferences be updated. This was to be achieved by circulating the list amongst Directors and Heads of Service to ascertain whether the events listed were still the most suitable for Members to attend.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 At the request of the Member Management Committee the procedure governing the attendance of Elected Members at Conferences has recently been revised and streamlined.
- 3.2 During this process the list of approved conferences was circulated amongst Directors and Heads of Service to check that that the events on the list were still the most relevant. However Members asked that this process be repeated to ensure that the list had been properly considered.
- 3.3 The list has been distributed to Directors and Heads of Service and any suggestions for changes to the content have been made.
- 3.4 The new list is attached at Appendix 1 for Members to consider.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 Appropriate attendance at conferences is essential to meet the learning needs of elected Members and a robust application procedure allows that the most appropriate Member attends, thus giving value for money.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications and the spending on conferences and seminars will be met within existing resource allocated.

6.0 Conclusion

The report updates the List of Approved Conferences as requested by the Member Management Committee.

7.0 Recommendations

- Note the revised approved list of conferences (Appendix A)
- Discuss the content and continued validity of the list

Background Papers

None

Approved List of Seminars and Conferences to be attended by Members

Department	Conference	Executive Member Consultee
Adult Social Care	LGA National Children and Adult Services Conference	Adult Social Care
Central & Corporate	LGA Annual Conference	Central & Corporate
	Standards Board Annual Assembly	
	National Association of Councillors Annual Conference	Central & Corporate
	Eurocities AGM	Central & Corporate
	Core Cities Annual Conference	Central & Corporate
	LGA Annual Local Government Finance Conference	Central & Corporate
	SIGOMA Annual Conference	Central & Corporate
Children's Services	National Childminding Association Annual Conference	Children's Services
	LGA National Children and Adult Services Conference	Children's Services
City Development	LGA Transportation Conference	City Development
	National Association of British Market Authorities and Conference of the Executive Councils of the Association	City Development
	Annual Cities Conference	City Development
	RTPI National Planning Conference	City Development
Education	Council of Local Education Authorities	Education
	North of England Education Conference	Education
	LGA Education National Conference	Education
	LGA Education Regional Meetings	Education
Environment & Neighbourhoods	LGA Housing Conference	Environment & Neighbourhoods
	Chartered Institute of Housing Annual Conference	Environment & Neighbourhoods
	LGA Safer Communities Annual Conference	Environment & Neighbourhoods
Environmental Services	Association of Public Sector Excellence Conference	Environmental Services
	National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection	Environmental Services
Leisure	LGA Annual Conference: Culture and Tourism	Leisure