

Item 9

REPORT TO CABINET

3rd February 2005

Report of Chief Executive Officer

Portfolio: Resource Management

CONFERENCES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the Council's representation at the following: -
- a) LGA Annual Cultural Services Conference 2005, 'Broadening Horizons' to be held at West Ham United football stadium, from **Thursday 17th to Friday 18th March 2005**.
 - b) The Chartered institute of Housing Conference 2005, to be held in Harrogate from **Tuesday 21st June to Friday 24th June 2005**.
 - c) LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition, 'Improving life in local Communities' to be held in Harrogate from **Tuesday 5th July to Friday 8th July 2005**.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Lead Member (Culture & Recreation) plus one officer represent the Council at the LGA Annual Cultural Services Conference 2005.
- 2.2 That the Council be represented at the Chartered Institute of Housing Conference by the appropriate Lead member together with a rota member and one officer.
- 2.3 That Chief Executive Officer, Leader, and Deputy Leader represent the Council at the LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Cultural Services Conference will reflect the key objectives of the regeneration board, in particular around developing the local vitality of the area and how local authorities through their cultural activities can deliver this aim.
- 3.2 Over a year on from the launch of the Communities plan, this year the CIH Conference will focus on assessing whether the building blocks are in place for housing organisations across the UK to deliver sustainable Communities and improve the quality of life for local people.
- 3.3 Improving life in local Communities is the reason local government exists, the 2005 LGA Annual Conference will address improving local life around

three strands: Living Communities / Supporting Communities / Safer Communities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the LGA Cultural Services Conference is £300.00 plus VAT per delegate (excluding travel and subsistence)
- 4.2 The cost of the Chartered Institute of Housing Conference is £575.00 plus VAT per delegate (excluding travel and subsistence)
- 4.3 The cost of the LGA Conference and Exhibition is £485.00 plus VAT per delegate (excluding travel and subsistence)

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not applicable.

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Background papers

Notice from the LGA Annual Cultural Services Conference.
Notice from the Chartered Institute of Housing.
Notice from the LGA. Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Examination by Statutory Officers

	Yes	Not Applicable
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4. The report has been approved by Management Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>