

Item 8

REPORT TO CABINET

2nd FEBRUARY 2006

**REPORT OF CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Portfolio: Resource Management.

CONFERENCES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the Council's representation at the following:-
- a) The Centre for Public Scrutiny – Parliamentary Seminar – ‘Scrutiny: Transforming Local Democracy’ to be held at Portcullis House (House of Commons) London on 15th March 2006.
 - b) LGA Annual Cultural Services Conference to be held at Assembly House, Norwich, on 28-29 March 2006.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 represents the Council at the Parliamentary Seminar – ‘Scrutiny: Transforming Local Democracy’, together with one officer.
- 2.2 That the appropriate Lead Member represents the Council at the LGA Annual Conference, together with one officer.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Parliamentary Seminar will include an outline of Parliamentary scrutiny from a member and officer perspective, as well as local authority case studies and CfPS – led discussion on how local authorities can move towards successful scrutiny as a key catalyst for transforming local democracy.
- 3.2 The LGA Conference will look at the changing local government environment and how it is likely to impact on culture over the next decade. Cultural services are a valuable resource for local communities and cut across services that councils provide. This conference will give delegates the opportunity to hear from a range of speakers on what the big issues are likely to be over the next decade.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Parliamentary Seminar – Transforming local democracy is free of charge. (excluding travel and subsistence)
- 4.2 The cost of the LGA Annual Conference is £310.00 plus VAT per delegate (excluding travel and subsistence)

CONSULTATION

5.1 Not applicable.

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Background Papers

Notice from LGA: Cultural Services Conference, Working together to develop a vision for the future.
Notice from The Centre for Public Scrutiny

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"/>