#### THE EXECUTIVE

#### 29 APRIL 2003

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH

#### **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES 2003**

FOR DECISION

This report seeks approval for attendance at conferences in accordance with the Council's Conference, Visits and Hospitality Rules, which states that the Executive must approve such attendance.

#### **Summary**

The Executive is asked to agree representation at the following Conferences:

- Chartered Institute of Housing Conference 2003;
- Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Conference & Exhibition 2003; and
- Local Government Association (LGA) Housing Conference 2003.

#### Recommendation

The Executive is asked to agree representation at the following Conferences:

- 1. The Director of Housing and Health and two other officers to attend the Chartered Institute of Housing Conference.
- 2. Three delegates to attend the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Conference & Exhibition 2003; and
- 3. Three delegates to attend the Local Government Association Housing Conference 2003.

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# 1. The Chartered Institute of Housing Conference

- 1.1 The Chartered Institute of Housing Conference is held annually in Harrogate and regarded as a valuable conference, promoting the Institute's purpose to maximise the contribution housing professionals can make to the wellbeing of communities.
- 1.2 This year's conference is being held from 17 20 June 2003 and is based around the theme "Focus", with a new programme structure and new formats, and delegates being able to opt for an in-depth analysis of specific issues or an overview of a range of trends. This Conference will bring together a distinguished series of presenters and the programme is being developed with a range of partners ensuring it remains at the cutting edge of housing policy, practice and implementation.

1.3 Conference cost for 3 delegates is £1829.46 (inc. VAT), plus accommodation and travel.

# 2. <u>Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Conference & Exhibition 2003</u>

- 2.1 To be held in Belfast from 23 25 September 2003. This year's theme is 'Environmental Health Working in Business'.
- 2.2 The CIEH Conference & Exhibition is the most important event in the environmental health calendar. This year's event will continue to raise the profile of environmental health, providing professionals the opportunity to explore solutions, exchange ideas and facilitate change.
- 2.3 Conference cost for 3 delegates is £1329.39 (per delegate is £464.13) (inc VAT).

# 3. <u>Local Government Association (LGA) Housing Conference - 2003</u>

- 3.1 This year's Conference will be held on 5th/6th November 2003 at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.
- 3.2 This is an annual conference held for provincial towns and cities; focuses on practical issues around regeneration, new build, design, conversion, partnership working etc. Sessions are mainly workshops and visits rather than traditional conference presentations. This conference is considered to be most valuable at senior practioner level.
- 3.3 Conference cost for 3 delegates is £ 1,305 (per delegate £435), plus accommodation.

### **Background Papers**

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