THE EXECUTIVE

7 OCTOBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL ECONOMIC REGENERATION	FOR DECISION
CONFERENCE 2003	

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 attendance.

Summary

The Executive is asked to agree representation at the Local Government Association's Annual Economic Regeneration Conference 2003.

Recommendation / Reason

The Executive is asked to agree representation by the Lead Member for Regeneration, Councillor Kallar and the Head of Regeneration, Jeremy Grint, at the Local Government Association's Annual Economic Regeneration Conference in Manchester, 17 - 19 November 2003 in order to promote the Borough's achievements and bring back examples of best practice.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government Association's Annual Economic Regeneration Conference will be held in Manchester from 17 19 November 2003. The Conference is the most significant economic development event of the year and an excellent opportunity to network, promote the Borough's achievements and bring back examples of best practice to improve the Council's activities in the area of economic regeneration. Relevant sessions this year include the leadership role of councillors, supporting local business, tackling barriers to work, community regeneration and tackling the low skills, low wage economy.
- 1.2 The total cost to the authority is £1,318 and covers accommodation and travel for the two representatives, as well as registration at the event.

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