

THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE STRATEGY

MEMBER AND OFFICER ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES 2004 / 2005	FOR DECISION
<p>This report seeks approval for attendance at conferences in accordance with the Council's Conference, Visits and Hospitality Rules.</p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>The Council's Framework of Rules for Conferences, Visits and Hospitality Rules (Part D of the Council's Constitution) requires that the Executive's approval is obtained for attendance at conferences and similar events where the cost is likely to exceed £1,000.</p> <p>This report seeks the Executive's approval for Member and / or Officer attendance at those conferences, which are known to take place during 2004 / 2005 at the time of writing this report. Any further conferences will be reported to the Executive under separate cover.</p> <p>The cost of attending the identified conferences will be contained within the relevant Departmental budgets.</p> <p><u>Recommendation / Reason</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to approve Member and / or Officer attendance at conferences as set out in the schedule attached as Appendix A.</p>	
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Conferences

Name of conference (venue and date)	Recommended level of attendance	Estimated Cost	Relevance and expected benefits of attendance
LGA Conference (Bournemouth, 6 - 9 July)	Deputy Leader of the Council and Chief Executive	£2,000	<p>The conference 'Making the difference: local public services' will look specifically at three key themes: ambition, accountability and delivery within local government and showcase over 100 exhibition stands.</p> <p>Key speakers from all of the major political parties will be represented.</p>
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Conference and Exhibition (Torquay 14 to 16 September)	Director of Housing and Health and two others.	£1,800 plus accommodation and travel	This year's theme is Moving up the Agenda and examines the challenges and strategies relevant to moving environmental health further up the political, media, business, community and health agendas.
SOLACE Annual Conference (Brighton, 12 to 14 October 2004)	Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Strategy	£1,900	The conference will examine the special challenges that improving performance in a political environment presents and how all of the energies in a local authority environment can be harnessed to make a real, positive difference for people.

<p>LGA Economic Regeneration Conference (Bristol, 26 to 28 October 2004)</p>	<p>Lead Member for Regeneration and Head of Regeneration</p>	<p>£1,450</p>	<p>This conference examines the regeneration "tools of the trade". It challenges delegates and speakers to think again about how the full spectrum of council services can support regeneration, how long standing powers can be used in new ways and how resources can be developed to meet the demands of the future.</p>
<p>LGA Housing Conference (Liverpool, 4 to 6 November)</p>	<p>Three delegates from Housing and Health.</p>	<p>£1,200 plus accommodation and travel</p>	<p>This is an annual conference that focuses on issues around continuous improvement, provision of quality services, improving performance, and how local authorities can operate in the assessment and improvement culture effectively. Sessions are mainly workshops and study tours rather than traditional presentations.</p>

<p>5th Anglo German Medical Society Induction Course July / August 2004</p>	<p>The Mayor</p>	<p>Up to £2,500 to cover cost of buffet reception by Mayor on Friday evening, local transport, some printing costs, administration costs plus officer time.</p>	<p>To recruit GPs and other Doctors to work in Barking and Dagenham to alleviate shortages of such staff. Adheres to Borough priority of improving Borough health. Contributes to partnership working with local and international partners, especially the Anglo-German Medical Society, Aventis, B&D Primary Care Trust and the Department of Health. Raises Borough profile by hosting international conference.</p>
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