

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 4

MEETING: 14th SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: LGA ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE - 8th and 9th MARCH 2016

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Annual Fire Conference of the Local Government Association (LGA) is scheduled to be held in Bristol on 8th and 9th of March 2016. This report proposes an Authority representation at the conference.

2. LGA ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2015

2.1 Members will recall that the LGA Fire Conference in 2015 was held in Gateshead, an event which many Members were able to attend due to the venue being in Tyne and Wear.

2.2 The LGA Annual Fire Conference is the key conference of the year for fire and rescue authorities as it deals with issues of direct concern to the fire and rescue service as a whole.

2.3 The conference theme will be designed to address the issues and key challenges facing the service in the coming months and years.

2.4 Speakers will be drawn from fire and rescue services, fire and rescue authorities, central government and other key organisations. It is envisaged that the Fire Minister and the shadow Fire Minister will both attend and speak to conference. In addition, there will also be a number of breakout and plenary sessions available.

2.5 There will be a strong attendance from members and officers of fire and rescue authorities as well as key figures from central government, which will provide an ideal opportunity to further develop an understanding of the emerging issues.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the conference is £395 per person for LGA member authorities which covers the main conference and workshop sessions.

3.2 The Chief Fire Officer proposes that the Chairman and one other member of the Authority be nominated to attend

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Authority is recommended to approve the attendance of the Chairman and one Member at the LGA Fire Conference.

