

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 09

MEETING: 19 NOVEMBER 2011

SUBJECT: LGA ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE - 12th and 13th MARCH 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The sixteenth Annual Fire Conference of the Local Government Association (LGA) is scheduled to be held in Brighton on 12th and 13th of March 2013. This report proposes an Authority representation at the conference.

2. LGA ANNUAL FIRE CONFERENCE 2012

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 This year, the conference will be held at the Hilton Metropole, Brighton on the 12th and 13th of March 2013. The conference theme will be designed to address the issues and key challenges facing the service in the coming months and years.
- 2.3 Speakers will be drawn from fire and rescue services, fire and rescue authorities, central government and other key organisations and it is envisaged that an address from the Fire Minister, Brandon Lewis MP will be made. In addition, there will also be a number of breakout and plenary sessions available, with opportunities to question speakers on the issues put forward at the conference.
- 2.4 It is envisaged that 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 £360 per person for LGA member authorities, held at 2008 prices, which covers the main conference and workshop sessions and these costs can be met from within the existing budget.
- 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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The undermentioned background papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

LGA Conference notification letter– September 2012