

APPROVAL FOR MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS/VISITS

involving travel abroad / individual costs exceeding £500 / aggregate costs for more than one member of £1,000

Name of Member(s) travelling:

**Cllr David Finch
Cllr Kevin Bentley
Cllr Dick Madden
Cllr Louise McKinlay
Cllr Mike Mackrory**

Name of officers also attending (if any)
(to allow the Committee to make a full
assessment of ECC representation)

Gavin Jones, Chief Executive

Details of the visit/event (incl. dates):

- LGA Annual Conference, 2 to 4 July 2019 at the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC), Bournemouth

Estimated cost of the visit:

£ 4611.40

Rationale for the estimated cost:

* Please note you will need to demonstrate that in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme three quotes have been obtained before booking foreign hotels.

LGA Conference fee: 6 X £545 = £2725

Accommodation: 3 nights bed and breakfast £90pp/pn* = £1620

Travel: based on 6 X £44.40 (advance singles each way) = £266.40

*Hotel needs to be within 10 minutes walking distance for Cllr Finch. Cheaper hotels are further away from BIC

Purpose of the visit and anticipated value to the County Council:

The Local Government Association (LGA) is a politically-led, cross party organisation which works on behalf of councils across England and Wales to ensure that local government has a strong and credible voice with national government. The LGA's membership includes fire, national parks, passenger transport and police authorities.

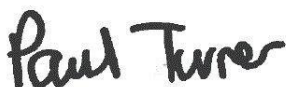
The LGA Annual Conference is one of the largest events in the local government calendar and regularly attracts over 1,100 delegates. The conference is attended by Council Leaders and Chief Executives, senior officers, lead members and policy makers across local government. It also attracts high numbers from LGA partner organisations in the wider public sector, as well as the private and voluntary sectors.

The programme for this year's conference has not been published yet but the website says "We will be holding policy discussions on subjects ranging from sustainable funding, adult and children's social care, housing and homelessness as well as local government in a post-Brexit world"

The conference is a prime opportunity to discuss best practice and share innovation with delegates from up and down the country as well as establishing key relationships and alliances. In addition, delegates will have the opportunity to share experiences, hear high-profile speakers, debate issues of importance and network with colleagues, peers and partners.

Agreed as this is routine business of ECC and represents value for money.

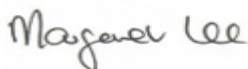
Paul Turner 2 April 2019



Comments of the Monitoring Officer

Agreed 18.3.19

Comments of the Section 151 Officer



To be completed after travel and submitted by email to
democratic.services@essex.gov.uk:

Actual total cost of visit: £