

APPROVAL FOR AD HOC FOREIGN VISITS MADE BY OFFICERS

Name of Officer(s) travelling: Mr David Wilde, Chief Information Officer

Details of the visit: **David to keynote speak at a IT Directors Forum, taking place on 23rd October in Athens, Greece – organized by Boussias Communications**

This is the 8th consecutive year that this event has taken place and this time they are focusing on the real business value of Cloud Computing for businesses or government bodies. This event gathers more than 150 people, mostly CIOs and IT Directors coming from medium to large companies.

Boussias Communications is a leading trade publishing company and business events organizer in Greece, having delivered more than 200 conferences within the last 5 years.

David has been invited as a keynote speaker on government and cloud computing and will cover our strategy and implementation programme and information governance issues around cloud adoption.

The invite was extended to David after Boussias viewed his presentation in the 12th Cloud Circle Forum; they believe that David would be the perfect keynote speaker for the event, as he – among others – combine cloud with mobility and have a complete business view of cloud's benefits and shortcomings.

Estimated cost of visit to Athens, Greece: £ 650.00 approximately
(no costs to ECC, organiser covering costs)

Rationale for the estimated cost: cost of return flights to Athens, dinner provided, transfers to and from airport, cost of 2 nights' accommodation at a 4 star hotel

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

Not applicable – the organisers are picking up all costs for travel and hotel expenses.

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

1. Showcase Essex County Council as a leader in cloud adoption where it makes good business sense and in successful ICT strategy and delivery
2. Raise Essex County Council's profile with other governments as a leader in public service delivery

3. Raise Essex County Council's profile as a desirable place to consider for investment by high-tech companies in the provision of cloud services for Europe and beyond
4. Open the market for possible further engagements which could generate income through consultancy

Endorsed by:

Executive Director / Chief Executive / Monitoring Officer and Executive Director for Finance*



Comments of the Endorser



Comments of the Chief Executive

Comments of the Section 151 Officer

x See e-mail attached.

** Staff below Executive Director must be endorsed by the Executive Director, Executive Directors endorsed by Chief Executive, Chief Executive endorsed by Monitoring Officer and Executive Director for Finance*

Val Freeman, PA to Executive Director for Corporate Services

From: Margaret Lee, Executive Director for Corporate Services
Sent: 02 September 2013 09:27
To: Val Freeman, PA to Executive Director for Corporate Services
Subject: RE: Foreign travel form for David Wilde

This is ok

My specific comments (to be added under S151 comments) are:

'Approved - there are no resource impacts on ECC as costs are being met by the conference hosts and the officer is attending on his own time.'

Thanks
Margaret

Margaret Lee
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From: Val Freeman, PA to Executive Director for Corporate Services
Sent: 02 September 2013 09:04
To: Margaret Lee, Executive Director for Corporate Services
Subject: Foreign travel form for David Wilde

Hi Margaret

Re the attached, David Wilde has agreed to take this time as annual leave and the form needs to be submitted urgently.
Are you able to approve please.

Thanks
Val

Val Freeman
PA to Margaret Lee, Executive Director for Corporate Services
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