

## 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:

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Cllr Kevin Bentley  
Cllr Louise McKinlay  
Cllr Tony Ball  
Cllr Ivan Henderson  
Cllr David King

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

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Gavin Jones  
Nicole Wood  
Richard Puleston

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

The Annual LGA Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate  
Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 June 2022  
Early bird rate for LGA members only - £495+VAT(99) x8 = £4752  
Accommodation @ hotel in Harrogate @ approx. £140per night x2nights x8pp= £2240  
Travel: Train from Chelmsford to Harrogate approx. £235.70 off peak return ticket  
x8=. £1885.60

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Estimated cost of the visit:

£ 6992 conference + accommodation  
only

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.

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

Featuring senior political leaders and inspirational speakers, the 2022 Annual Conference will explore how we continue to recover, grow, and thrive in a post COVID-19 world. There will be a wide range of sessions – from levelling up, economic recovery, climate change and funding, to health and social care, housing, and supporting councils. Plus, the Innovation Zone will be back featuring informal discussions where councils can bring their innovations 'to life' through practical demonstrations.

Over 1,400 representatives from local government as well as representatives from the private and voluntary and community sectors attend.

Cost covers conference fees, travel and hotel accommodation for 6 delegates based on two nights' stay.

Accommodation chosen based on value and location.

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**Comments of the monitoring officer**

This is a good use of resources to ensure that senior officers and members are updated with the latest thinking and news in the sector. Attendance is reasonable and balanced.

Paul Turner 13 December 2021

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

Actual total cost of visit: £