

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

29 MARCH 2011

SUBJECT	CIPFA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WARD/S AFFECTED	ALL
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY WATT
KEY DECISION	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report requests any nominations to attend the CIPFA Annual Conference, to be held in Birmingham from 5 July to 7 July 2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. That Committee consider if it wishes to send a representative to attend this conference.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. To decide whether the Committee wishes to be represented at a conference.

4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1. The CIPFA Annual Conference covers the full range of public service policy and financial issues. Speakers include Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and Margaret Hodge, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. In addition to the future of pensions, other topics to be covered will include the transparency agenda, shared services and teams, new audit arrangements, GP commissioning, the Big Society, NHS structural changes, and Local Enterprise Partnerships.
- 4.2. Accommodation will be required for the nights of 5 and 6 July 2011.

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1. The Authority is required to prove that Trustees have been adequately trained. This conference is a recognised training opportunity.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1. No other options have been considered.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1. There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising out of this report.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1. There are none arising out of this report.

9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

9.1. The cost of attendance will be about £600 plus VAT per delegate excluding accommodation and travel which can be met from the existing Pension Fund budget.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are none arising out of this report.

11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1. There are none arising out of this report.

11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not require.

12. CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1. There are none arising out of this report.

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are none arising out of this report.

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APPENDICES

NONE

REFERENCE MATERIAL

NONE

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee	23 March 2010
Pensions Committee	6 April 2009