

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Pat Hackett

KEY DECISION: NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: LEADER'S

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

SUBJECT: A MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE AT LGA'S HOUSING ADVISERS PROGRAMME (HAP): LEARNING EVENT

1.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1. That Councillor Stuart Whittingham attendance at the LGA's Housing Advisers Programme (HAP): Learning Event be declared an approved duty and consequently, the Council will pay the costs of his travel to London and back.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

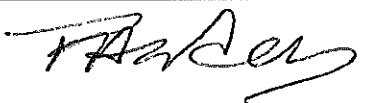

- 2.1. Councillor Whittingham has identified a learning event taking place in London on 16 October 2019 which would be beneficial to him in his role as Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and would provide him with information and knowledge that he would be able to share with colleagues afterwards.
- 2.2 All Members of the Members' Development Steering Group have been consulted, by email, on the proposal that Councillor Whittingham be allowed to attend this event. The cost of the Conference is free and Councillor Whittingham has been advised to book a rail ticket well in advance so that it will be at low cost.
- 2.3 The Leader of the Council has been copied in on the email responses received from Members of the Members' Development Steering Group to this consultation exercise.
- 2.4 Councillor Whittingham has completed an Elected Member Training Pro-Forma which is **attached** to this report.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Signed:  Executive Member: CLIP MACLELLAN Date: 30/9/19 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES Date: 30/9/19
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: Shirley Hudspeth

Date: 30 September 2019

Date of Publication:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period:

Elected Member Training Pro-Forma

SECTION ONE – To be completed in full by the Elected Member	
Name	Stuart Whittingham
Contact No.	07557 451031
Title of event	The LGA's Housing Advisers Programme (HAP): Learning Event
Event dates	16 th October
Venue or location	London
Duration of event	1 Day
Total cost	Free, Travel Cost Only
Please tick one the following to indicate which budget will be paying for the event	
Request made by an individual (Members Training Budget)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request made by a Committee (Please state which Committee)	<input type="checkbox"/>
The completion of this form does not guarantee that we will be able to support your request*. Please attach any relevant information in support of your request. Contact the Elected Member Development Officer if you are unsure of what information is required.	
How was this training need identified?	
Email and Application for support to LGA Housing Advisers Program	
What alternatives are available for learning in this area?	
None	
Please list below other training you have received in the last 12 months. Please state if any of these events are related to the event that you are requesting to attend.	
As set out in my training record	
Please explain why you want to attend this event. What specific skills or knowledge are you expecting to improve as a result of your attendance? i.e. what are your learning objectives.	
<p>The Housing Advisers Program is an LGA initiative designed to help promote, facilitate and enhance the role and capacity of councils to meet a local housing need. To date the programme has funded over 100 councils helping them to build homes, reduce homelessness, plan for population ageing, understand the student housing market, increase supply of modular housing, and more.</p> <p>Through this event I will be looking to embed and share the learning that can be taken</p>	

from existing projects. I will hear from councils and suppliers that have participated in the programme who will share their experiences of tackling a local housing need.

How does your attendance to the event contribute to Wirral's priorities?


Supports our pledge in the Wirral Plan to provide Good Quality Housing That Meets Residents Needs

How are you going to transfer what you have learnt at the event to your role as an Elected Member?

Will support my role as Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning to deliver our priorities

Your commitment

- To complete any pre-course work or reading prior to the event.
- To participate fully during the course and attend the session(s) in full.
- To disseminate information obtained at the event to other interested parties if appropriate.
- To participate in a post event evaluation report with the Elected Member Development Officer ready for review with Member Training Steering Group.

Elected Member's Signature:			Date: 24 th September 2019	
SECTION TWO				
Supported by Member Training Steering Group			Date:	
Approval by Cabinet Member			Date:	
SECTION THREE				
Event booking made	Name:	Signature:	Date:	

Please return the completed form to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk

If you have any questions or need support with completing this form, please contact Committee Services

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