

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Policy & Resources

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Attendance at Town & Country Planning Association Annual Conference 2013
Report of:	Director of Planning & Environment
Strategy/Policy:	Protecting and enhancing the environment
Corporate Objectives:	Protect and Enhance the Environment

Purpose:

This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Environment to attend the Town & Country Planning Association Annual Conference and Parliamentary Reception, to be held on 20th November 2013 in London.

The annual conference is the highlight of the Association's events calendar attracting guests from across central and local government, local authority leaders and senior officers, business and investment organisations, planners, developers, community and voluntary groups and academics. Planning Minister, Nick Boles MP, will be delivering a keynote speech at the conference.

With high-profile speeches from both the Government and Opposition, the conference will be framed around two thematic debates which will provide the opportunity for direct and powerful discussion.

- The first debate '*making planning work at the strategic level*' will ask whether the latest planning reforms are delivering the infrastructure the nation needs.
- The second debate, '*housing the nation*', will consider the increasingly topical issue of whether the current planning system can deliver enough homes in the right places.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Environment to attend the Town & Country Planning Association Annual Conference and Parliamentary Reception, to be held on 20th November 2013 in London.

Reason:

As well as establishing the current political, policy, economic, social and environmental factors shaping the nation's future, the conference will also seek to create constructive recommendations about how every community can reach its full potential.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Councillor S D T Woodward,
Executive Leader