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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Policy, and Resources for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Attendance at the Chartered Institute of Housing South East Housing Conference
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objective:	

Purpose:

This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Health and Housing to attend the Chartered Institute of Housing South East Housing Conference, to be held on 4-6 March 2014 at the Brighton Centre, Brighton.

Executive summary:

The conference goes from strength to strength and 2014 will be no exception with an array of expert speakers in the sector who will provide policy, strategic and government updates, share good practice with delegates and offer solutions to the issues your organisations may face. Balancing the practical with strategic knowledge, this conference and exhibition will prove to be as popular as ever with topical policy forums, more debate and most importantly more examples of innovations, new ways of working and good practice examples. The event will also provide the perfect opportunity to hear directly from innovative practitioners who will inspire and encourage skills and knowledge improvement, whilst keeping delegates up to date with the latest changes in government legislation.

The 2014 conference will also celebrate the 25th year anniversary of the conference and will showcase how it has established itself as the essential forum for over 1000 housing professionals in London and the South East by discussing the hottest topics affecting the industry.

Recommendation:

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Health and Housing to attend the Chartered Institute of Housing South East Housing Conference, to be held on 4-6 March 2014 at the Brighton Centre, Brighton.

Reason:

With over 1000 attendees visiting the conference over the three days, this event will provide excellent opportunities for networking and hearing from a range of leading experts in the sector.

The South East Conference 2014 represents real value for money and delegates attending the conference will have access to:

- All high level keynote sessions
- Over 100 of the sector's leading suppliers as they showcase the latest products and services and offer free advice
- Community think tanks
- Understand key issues for better business performance
- Policy focused forums
- Live demonstrations and workshops
- Networking opportunities

Cost of Proposals:

The maximum cost for attendance at this conference will be £475 + VAT; travel and appropriate subsistence costs would also be payable.

The costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Risk Assessment:

There are no significant risks in relation to the Executive Member for Health and Housing to attend the Chartered Institute of Housing South East Housing Conference, to be held on 4-6 March 2014 at the Brighton Centre, Brighton.