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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Leader

Portfolio:	Executive Leader
Subject:	Attendance at 'Let's get building! Financing and delivering new large-scale communities, innovation and opportunities' Conference
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objective:	

Purpose:

This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the 'Let's get building! Financing and delivering new large-scale communities, innovation and opportunities' Conference taking place on 23 March 2017 at Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, London.

Executive summary:

In the last 12 months, there have been significant and rapid changes to both the policy and financial environments in which local authorities are trying to bring forward new large-scale housing developments. In this post-BREXIT environment, in which Government spending remains tightly constrained, what are the options for funding infrastructure in a timely and cost-effective way? What sort of new approaches to finance and delivery are innovative local authorities now taking? What will be the implications of the Housing White Paper and the 2017 budget for creating new communities and garden cities? What can we learn from past methods of delivery, including development corporations? How we can innovate to create the high quality large-scale new communities we need in today's rapidly changing context? These and other pressing questions will be addressed at this conference.

Recommendation:

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the 'Let's get building! Financing and delivering new large-scale communities, innovation and opportunities' Conference taking place on 23 March 2017 at Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, London.

Reason:

This conference will provide an opportunity for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to hear from the Minister of State for Housing & Planning, DCLG and Paul Marsh the Head of Development & Finance, Department of International Trade, who will cover topics such as Financing new large-scale development post BREXIT; Creating value through local leadership and innovation; and Learning from the past: what worked?

Cost of Proposals:

Attendance at this conference would be £180.00, plus travel and any other appropriate subsistence costs. The costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Risk Assessment:

There are no significant risks in relation to the Executive Member for Planning and Development attending the 'Let's get building! Financing and delivering new large-scale communities, innovation and opportunities' Conference, which is taking place on 23 March 2017, at Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, London.