

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE
AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

8 SEPTEMBER 2011

Subject: LGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 28-30 JUNE 2011
- FEEDBACK

Report of the County Fire Officer & Chief Executive

SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to provide feedback to Members from the LGA Annual Conference & Exhibition 2011: Localism Works which took place from 28 to 30 June 2011 at the ICC, Birmingham

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1. The LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition was attended by the following Members and Officers:

Councillor Fred Walker - Chairman of the Authority;
Councillor John Bell - Leader of the Conservative Group;
Councillor Paul Shannon - Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group;
Steve McGuirk – County Fire Officer and Chief Executive (*Attended on 29th June only*)

Councillor Grace Fletcher-Hackwood also attended the Conference as a representative from Manchester City Council.

2. The Local Government Association Group annual conference and exhibition brought together approximately 2,000 of the leading players in councils, central government, partners and business.
3. This year's conference was entitled 'Localism Works' and focused on the role of local government and how this should be defined in this brave new world.
4. Key speakers included the Prime Minister, David Cameron; Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Leader of the Labour Party; Rt Hon Andrew Lansley, Secretary of State for Health and Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister of State for Decentralisation plus a whole host of leading local government speakers.
5. Each day focused on a specific theme and plenary sessions and workshops were held on the following subject topics:

Day 1

- The government one year on – what has it meant for local government?;
- Sector self regulation and improvement;
- Making the most of an older population;
- Don't stop planning: making the planning reforms work in your area

Day 2

- Is the Future of Public Services localist and what does it mean for funding?;
- Technology and ageing society;
- Preparing for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games in your local area;
- Local Government Challenge;
- Councillors: the social entrepreneurs of our communities;
- Leading the workforce of the future – the next generation.

Day 3

- Reforming health and social care to improve outcomes;
- Boosting private sector growth;
- Political Session: Conservative spokesperson and Labour Political Speaker

6. A prestigious exhibition with over 100 organisations ran alongside the conference. Exhibitors from the public, private and third sector were on hand during the three days to showcase and promote new ways of working with local authorities.
7. The presentations, speeches and handouts from the conference are available on the LGA website on www.lga.gov.uk which Members are encouraged to view.
8. Next year's LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 'Localism Works' will take place on 26th to 28 June 2012 at the ICC Birmingham. Details will be confirmed nearer the time. Please note these dates clash with the Authority AGM which is programmed to take place on 28th June 2012.
9. Members who attended the conferences are welcome to feedback their own experiences to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

10. Members note the content of the report.

STEVE McGUIRK
COUNTY FIRE OFFICER
& CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D
OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

DOCUMENT	DATE	FILE OR OTHER REFERENCE	PLACE OF INSPECTION
Conference & Seminar File – File L.4 (3)	Various	Democratic Services Department	Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters 146 Bolton Road Swinton Manchester M27 8US

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