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REPORT OF: DIRECTOR FIRE SAFETY & TECHNICAL SERVICES

PURPOSE OF REPORT: TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS AT THE WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE PREVENTION PANEL CONFERENCE ON 23 NOVEMBER 2005.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND ONE MEMBER FROM EACH POLITICAL GROUP AS A MINIMUM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT DETAILS

EXEMPTION CATEGORY: NONE

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS
OPEN TO INSPECTION:** CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The biggest single reform of fire safety legislation in over 30 years, which will simplify the law for thousands of businesses while placing a greater focus on prevention, has now been agreed by Parliament.
- 1.2 The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order was laid before Parliament on 10 May 2004 and since then has been subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. The order was approved by the House of Commons on 24 May 2005 and by the House of Lords on 7 June 2005.
- 1.3 The Regulatory Reform Order is due to be implemented on 1 April 2006.

2 FIRE PREVENTION PANEL

- 2.1 To inform and enable debate on these issues the West Yorkshire Fire Prevention Panel are to host a one-day conference entitled "Fire Safety Reform 2006". The conference will be held at the Hanover International Hotel, Bradford on 23 November 2005.
- 2.2 The West Yorkshire Fire Prevention Panel consists of a main body, the county panel, with a total of five Fire Prevention Groups serving various geographical areas of the county. Activities include holding seminars and training courses. Membership is open to any industrial, commercial, or public sector organisation.
- 2.3 During this year's conference expert speakers, including Andy Jack, Head of Fire Safety Legislation (ODPM) and other nationally recognised figures in the field, will outline the current position and give a vision for the future of fire safety law and the practical implications for responsible persons and enforcing authorities. (See attached programme for further details)

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of attendance is £100.00 per person. These costs will be met from within existing budget provision.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That consideration be given to Member attendance at the conference on the basis of chair, vice chair and one member from each political group. Attendance by Members at this conference would ensure up to date knowledge of the proposals for the reform of fire safety legislation.

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West Yorkshire Fire Prevention Panel

FIRE SAFETY REFORM 2006

One Day Conference – Wednesday 23 November 2005
Hanover International Hotel, Bradford, West Yorkshire

0915	Coffee & Reception	
1000	Welcome	Phil Toase CBE Chief Fire Officer, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, Vice President CFOA
1015	Chair's Introduction	Tom Carroll QFSM Chief Fire Officer, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, President CFOA
1020	Keynote Speech "Modernisation"	TBA
1050	Coffee	
1110	Regulatory Reform Order – Review	Andy Jack ODPM – Head of Fire Safety Legislation Branch
1145	Risk and the Targeting of Resources	Paul Smith Managing Director, Active
1215	Lunch	
1345	Implications for the Fire and Rescue Service	Iain Cox Chief Fire Officer, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service, Chair of CFOA National Fire Safety Committee
1415	Consistency of Enforcement	Andy Marles QFSM Deputy Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, Chair of CFOA RRO Policy Working Group
1445	RRO Guidance Documents	Stephen Brady Group Manager Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
1515	Safer Communities – Making it happen	John Judd QFSM Acting Assistant Commissioner, LFEP A
1545	Open Forum	Tom Carroll
1600	Closing Address	Phil Toase

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