



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Date:	Friday, 25th January, 2008
Subject:	Local Authority Members Association - Annual Spring Seminar 2008
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Relevant Background Information

The Local Authority Members Association is holding its Annual Spring Seminar in Trim, County Meath, on Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th March, 2008.

The Seminar will examine a number of areas including Local Government Finance and budgetary constraints as well as how Local Authorities can work in partnership with other relevant bodies to help address the growing problem of substance abuse in our communities.

In addition attendance at the seminar will present Members with an opportunity to explore and discuss, with other Elected Representatives from across Ireland, areas of mutual interest and concern.

Key Issues

The business of the Seminar is such that it will allow Members to learn from best practice in other jurisdictions as well as explore innovative solutions to societal problems being experienced in local communities.

Resource Implications

Delegate Fee	£185
Travel	£95
Accommodation:	£220 (nights)
Total per delegate:	<u>£500</u>

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee authorise:

- the attendance at the Conference of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Council's representatives on the National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region, the Head of Committee and Members' Services (or their nominees) and a representative of each of the Party Groupings on the Council not represented by the aforementioned Members; and
- the payment of the appropriate travelling and subsistence allowances in connection therewith.

Key to Abbreviations

N/A

Documents Attached

N/A