

## **LOCAL AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ON ACTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Local authorities are being urged by the Department of Environment Transport and the Regions to support a one day conference on action for climate change being held in Nottingham on Wednesday, 25 October 2000.

### **2 CONFERENCE DETAILS**

- 2.1 The one day conference entitled 'Local Authority Action for Climate Change – Community Solutions' is being organised by Nottingham Energy Partnership. Invitations have been sent to all local authority Chief Executives and Leaders. A copy of the provisional programme is appended.
- 2.2 The Department of Environment Transport and the Regions has emphasised that this conference has top level support from central and local government and they are keen to see as many local authorities as possible represented.
- 2.3 The conference is designed to look at the practical ways in which local benefits can flow from a corporate commitment to climate change, and to look at the experiences of local authorities in the UK and elsewhere.

### **3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Rising sea levels are associated with an increase in the rate of climate change. In addition, global climate change is likely to have serious effects on many species, including some living in this district. It is anticipated that the rate of climate change will be more rapid than the ability of these species to adapt.

### **4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There is a charge of £149 per delegate. If overnight accommodation is required there is an additional cost of £75 per person. Travel expenses, by car or rail, would also be incurred.

**5 RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That the Council does not send delegates to the conference. (HHHCC)

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**Background Papers:**

Letter from DETR 21 July 2000

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