

Freedom of Information – Response – 27591

The Local Government Association's annual conference took place at the Bournemouth International Centre this year from July 7th - July 9th.

Please advise:

1. The names of any councillors or council officers from your local authority that attended.

Councillors: Michael Hadwen, Vicky Armstrong, Richard Rout, Andrew Stringer, Annette Dunning, Joe Mason, Bobby Bennett

Officers: Andrew Cook, Political Research Assistant for the Green Group

2. Did your local authority pay any delegate/registration fees for those attending? If so, how much was spent collectively and individually for each person who attended?

Suffolk County Council paid the registration fees for all attendees apart from Cllr Bobby Bennett. Total spend: £4,742.00 [7 x £599.00, plus £549.00 for Andrew Cook]

3. Did your local authority pay, or has it agreed to pay, any expenses for those attending? If so, how much was spent (or agreed to be spent) collectively and individually for each person who attended?

Suffolk County Council has funded the following expenses for those attending:

Michael Hadwen: £355.00 hotel

Vicky Armstrong: £355.00 hotel

Andrew Stringer: £355.00 hotel & £119.00 train ticket

Richard Rout: £355.00 hotel

Annette Dunning: £355.00 hotel & 127.70 train ticket

Joe Mason: £355.00 hotel & £126.90 train ticket

Andrew Cook: £355.00 hotel; £64.00 train ticket

Political Research Assistant: £355.00 hotel & £159.50 train ticket

Total spend to date*: £3,437.10

Hotel accommodation was booked via the venue bureau dealing with accommodation for the conference, which is provided on the LGA conference website.

*Councillors and staff have three months within which to claim expenses; currently Suffolk County Council does not hold this information.