



Coventry City Council

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## **REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE**

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**REPORT TO:** Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee **6 February, 2019**  
**REPORT OF:** Councillor Abdul S. Khan, Deputy Leader of Coventry City Council  
**TITLE:** 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Peace Messenger Cities  
**DATE:** 29 October – 2 November, 2018  
**VENUE:** Volgograd, Russia

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### **1 Recommendation**

1.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are asked to:-

- 1) Note the benefits of attending this globally significant Conference.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 Coventry is renowned internationally as the City of Peace and Reconciliation.
- 2.2 United Nations Peace Messenger Cities are cities around the world that have volunteered for an initiative sponsored by the United Nations to promote peace and understanding between nations. The movement began in the International Year of Peace, 1986 and lasted until 1991, during that period 74 cities were chosen from among thousands and appointed as Messengers of Peace by the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez DeCuellar. Coventry is a Peace Messenger City.
- 2.3 The Conference was organised by the IAPMC. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The IAPMC had its first meeting in Verdun France in 1988. It was formalized at a General Assembly meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, USA in 1990.
- 2.4 There was a debate around: "Dialogue on the Volga - Forum of People's Diplomacy: Peace in 21st Century" was conveniently merged with the proceedings of the General Assembly.
- 2.5 Delegates from Coventry participated in round tables, conferences, and plenary sessions and adopted an important resolution which was distributed to all the UN Missions of member countries of the United Nations Organisation.

### 3 Cost of attending

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	Nil	Nil
Flights	*£417 x 3	£475 x 3
Additional Travel Expenses	£110 x 3	**£196.40 x 3
Accommodation	Nil	Nil
Subsistence	£200 for group	£76.70 for group

**NOTE:** \*Price as at time of completing Conference Approval Form  
\*\* Express VISA service required

### 4 Benefits

- 4.1 Attendance at this Conference maintains Coventry's status as City of Peace and Reconciliation and also ensures we are globally connected with like-minded cities all over the globe.

List of background papers

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