



Coventry City Council

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## **REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR**

**REPORT TO:** Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013  
**REPORT OF:** Councillor Lucas, Cabinet Member (Health & Community Services)  
**TITLE:** LGA Annual Safer Communities Conference: partnership working in a new world  
**DATE:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
**VENUE:** Local Government House, Smith Square Conference Centre, London

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### **1. Recommendation**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee note the benefits of attending the conference in particular, the follow up work that officers will do in order to learn from other areas across the country.

### **2. Background**

The LGA host a conference every year. The conference usually takes place over two days but recognising the significant financial challenges that local government is facing, the conference was for one day only.

### **3. Cost of attending**

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	£199.00 plus VAT x 2	£398.00 plus VAT
Flights		
Additional Travel Expenses	£144.00 (train) x 2	£288.00
Accommodation		
Subsistence		

**(NOTE: IF TOTALS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.)**

#### 4. Benefits

The conference provided the opportunity for Elected Members from across the country and senior Local Authority Officers to hear from a number of high profile speakers including:

- Vera Baird QC, Police & Crime Commissioner for Northumbria
- Stephen Rimmer, Director General from the Home Office
- Councillor Mehboob Khan, Chair, LGA Safer & Stronger Communities Board
- Andrew Larter, Deputy Director, Department of Health
- Simon Marshall, Head of Health & Wellbeing Commissioning, National Offender Management Service

There were also a number of other speakers from different agencies.

The community safety landscape has changed significantly over the last 12 months with the introduction of the requirement for Domestic Homicide Reviews, new tools and powers to deal with anti-social behaviour, reductions in funding, the development of Health and Wellbeing Boards, etc. This will change further over the next 4 years with the introduction of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

There were a number of good examples of work that is taking place across the country which will be followed up by officers. This will enable us to learn from good practice and in some cases, introduce new ways of working. This will particularly relate to:

- The development of local protocols/policies regarding Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Working with the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA) to negotiate a local agreement in terms of 'chuggers', ie. when and where they operate locally (including how many)
- Strengthening the links between the Community Safety Partnership and the Health & Wellbeing Board
- Strengthening the linkages between the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment

#### List of background papers

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