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Planning Committee

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**Subject: Attendance at the Planning Summer School, 2013**

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

The report requests the Committee to consider 'day visitor' attendance at the 2013 Planning Summer School.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- 1) That Members agree 'day visitor' attendance to be offered at the Planning Summer School 2013 to be held at Leeds University on 6-9 September 2013.**

## IMPLICATIONS

**Legal:** None arising as a result of this report

**Financial :** As set out in the report

**Staffing :** None arising as a result of this report

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :** None arising as a result of this report.

**Risk Assessment :** None arising as a result of this report

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :** None arising as a result of this report

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

[www.planningsummerschool.org](http://www.planningsummerschool.org)

### Call in and Urgency:

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

### Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 As part of the Scheme of Members' Allowances, approval is already given for the Committee Chairman or his/her nominee to attend the Royal Town Planning Institute Summer School.
- 1.2 Member training in Development Management issues is vital to the smooth working of the planning process, and this Summer School has historically been seen as an appropriate training vehicle. In 2004, approval was given for two additional members to attend and the Committee is invited every year to consider sending up to two additional members. It is respectfully suggested that these places should be allocated to Members who have not previously attended.
- 1.3 In recent years it has proved difficult to recruit three volunteers to attend the residential school, particularly Members who have not previously attended, and it had been suggested that the money would be better spent on employing an external organisation to provide a training session at the Guildhall.
- 1.4 The Planning Summer School 2013 is to be held at Leeds University, so the suggestion is for this year only, that Members could attend as day visitors rather than residential, and more Members would be able to attend for the same price, and without such a significant time commitment.

## **2. Venue**

- 2.1 The venue for the 2013 Planning Summer School is Leeds University on 6-9 September 2013.

## **3. Content**

- 3.1 The school is a non profit making event which runs interactive seminars and workshops covering all aspects of planning and development, together with study tours. The theme for this year is 'Planning for Prosperity'. This year's study tours are to Leeds City Centre, Allerton Bywater Millennium Community, Wakefield City Centre and Harrogate.

## **4. Further Information**

- 4.1 Information on the Planning Summer School in general is available at [www.planningsummerschool.org](http://www.planningsummerschool.org). A programme is appended to this report.

## **5 Cost**

- 5.1 The reduced cost for a three Member residential package is £2,385 for the seminar to include accommodation. Day visitor costs are £265.

## Planning Summer School 2013

### Friday 6th September 2013

13.00 - 13.30 / 13.30 - 14.00

**Choice of Briefing Sessions:**

**Bringing better times to Leeds/Yorkshire**

Or

**Short term recovery or Long term stability**

Clive Dutton

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**4.15**

**President's Welcome & Opening Address**

Roger Pidgeon, President, Planning Summer School

**Planning for Prosperity**

Lord Taylor of Goss Moor

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**15.45**

**Planning out Poverty**

Kate Henderson

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**19.45**

**Evening Events**

**Members' Question Time:** an opportunity for Elected Members to discuss topical matters with a panel of Planning Summer School Members with a wide range of experience

Or

**Planners' Soapbox:** an opportunity for Planners to give expression to their passions and prejudices on all things planning related.

Followed by **Wine Reception**

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### Saturday 7th September 2013

**09.15**

**How the home nations are planning for prosperity**

Alistair MacDonald

Cath Ranson

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**11.00-12.30**

**Choice of Workshops:**

**Planning for an ageing Population**

**Neighbourhood Plans update**

Dave Chetwyn

**Good Design & Planning is a prerequisite**

Rob Cowan

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**12.30**

**Lunch with optional light-hearted session.**

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**14.00**

**Smart Growth**

Neil Sinden

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**15.30**

**Big Debate - Planning; Friend or Foe of Prosperity?**

Lawrence Revill

Phil Crabtree

and others

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**18.45**

**Wine Reception & Gala Dinner**

**After Dinner Speaker: TBC**

## Planning Summer School 2013

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### Sunday 8th September 2013

09.15

**Regeneration in a time of austerity - Portsmouth case study**

Ron Tate

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11.00-12.15

**Choice of Workshops:**

**Climate Change: the need for fair and effective adaptation**

Katharine Knox

**Growth and Waste**

**Can Renewable Energy Make a Real Difference?**

Michael Phillips, DULAS

**Travelling Scholarship & RTPI Young Planner Presentations**

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13.30-18.00

**Study Tours**

- Leeds City Centre Walking Tour
  - Allerton Bywater Millennium Community
  - Wakefield City Centre Masterplanning
  - Harrogate - Wealthy Town, Prosperous Economy
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19.45

**International Guest Presentations**

Our international guests will give an insight into the planning issues and how they approach them in their nations

**Followed by the Leeds Challenge Quiz**

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### Monday 9th September 2013

09.30 - 11.00

**Choice of Workshops:**

**Planning and Probity**

Jed Griffiths

**How the Environment can help secure a prosperous future**

Simon Marsh

**An Inspector calls**

Phil Goodman

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11.30

**Legal Update**

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12.30

**Closing Address**

Peter Geraghty, President, Royal Town Planning Institute

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13.30

**Close of School**