

**Agenda Item No.2 (a)**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**STRATEGIC POLICY AND BUDGET**

**11 June 2013**

**Report of the Acting Chief Executive**

**SUBSCRIPTION TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK**  
**2013/2014**

**Purpose of the Report**

To approve the Council's subscription to the County Councils Network for 2013/2014.

**Information and Analysis**

The Council's membership of the County Councils Network is due for renewal with payment of the annual subscription fee for 2013/14. The subscription fee is £14,640 (the same subscription fee as in 2012/13).

The County Councils Network (CCN) is a cross party special interest group of the Local Government Association which speaks, develops policy and shares good practice for the County group of local authorities, whether unitary or upper tier.

CCN has 36 member councils and provides a range of services to member authorities including:

- Making representations to government and seeking opportunities to influence the development and implementation of government policy.
- Enabling member authorities to share best practice and ideas and learn from others through a number of mechanisms including:
  - Formal meetings of CCN Council and Executive Committee
  - Member Policy Networks on key issues
  - Annual conference and seminars on key policy issues
  - Good practice publications
  - Website and monthly newsletter.

The current members of the CCN Management Committee are:

- CCN Chairman - Cllr Robert Gordon (Hertfordshire CC)
- CCN Vice Chairmen - Cllrs Liz Tucker (Worcestershire CC), Dave Wilcox OBE (Derbyshire CC) and Roger Phillips (Herefordshire Council)

### **Financial Considerations**

The subscription cost can be met from provision included in the Council's revenue budget.

### **Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

### **Key Decision**

No

### **Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decision proposed in the report? No

### **Background Papers**

Letter from CCN dated 5 April 2013.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:-**

That the annual subscription fee to the County Councils Network for 2013/2014 of £14,640 be approved.

Ian Stephenson  
Acting Chief Executive