

# Taunton Deane Borough Council

## Tenant Services Management Board 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

### Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Annual Conference 2016

#### Report of the Tenant Empowerment Manager

(This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Terry Beale)

#### 1. Executive Summary

Members of the Tenant Services Management Board (TSMB) have previously attended TPAS Annual Conferences which have traditionally been held in July.

This year TPAS is maintaining the same format as last year, with the conference being held in July in the same venue near Warwick.

The TSMB is asked to decide whether to send delegates to the conference, and if so how many.

#### 2. Background

TPAS is a leading national tenant participation organisation working to promote tenant empowerment. As well as providing training events it holds an annual conference which allows tenants from all over the country to attend workshops, hear guest speakers and meet with other tenants.

#### 3. TPAS Conference 2016

TPAS has decided to hold the conference in the same venue as last year:

- Chesford Grange, Kenilworth, near Warwick
- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

#### **4. Conference Programme**

TPAS are currently finalising the full programme including workshops and speakers. The full programme should be available in April 2016.

A conference dinner is to be held on the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> July. This is included in the delegate fee.

#### **5. Cost of Conference**

TPAS are currently offering a discount on bookings. This is set at £299 per delegate but must be booked by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. After this date a place at the conference would cost £375.

Please note that the above cost does not include accommodation. TPAS has negotiated a preferential rate at the venue:

- Pre Conference Night – 12th July  
Dinner, bed and breakfast only available  
£124 single occupancy

- Conference Night – 13th July  
Bed and Breakfast  
£102 single occupancy

It should be noted that other hotels are available in the area if it is felt that this rate is too expensive. This was the option chosen by the board last year.

The cost of the conference can be met by existing budgets.

#### **6. Recommendations**

It is recommended the Tenant Services Management Board:

- Note this report
- Decide whether representatives of the board should attend the conference
- Decide how many representatives should attend
- If it is decided to attend the conference seek nominations from board members. (Previous discussions have indicated a desire for members who have not attended such events before to be given an opportunity to attend)

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