

# **Report to Administration Committe**

31st January 2012

Agenda Item: 5 (a)

# REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, MEMBERS AND CIVIC SERVICES

# ATTENDANCE AT THE JOINT LGA AND NACL CONFERENCE: STRICTLY LOCALISM

# **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to request approval for the Deputy Leader and the Policy Group Manager to attend the Joint LGA and NALC Summit Conference entitled Strictly Localism.

## Information and Advice

2. The conference is designed to give councillors and policy officers from local government the opportunity to meet and discuss how recent changes will affect their working practices. Delegates will hear from a range of speakers who are demonstrating innovative ways of working, including the flagship neighbourhood budgets pilots. The event will celebrate the power of councillors at all tiers to deliver local solutions for local people. The event, jointly hosted by the Local Government Association and National Association for Local Councils aims to bring the tiers of government together to make real progress on how they can make localism happen.

## **Other Options Considered**

3. If other conferences and events take place covering this particular issue, consideration will be given to specific attendance.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To enable the County Council to develop its Localism policy and associated working practices.

# **Statutory and Policy Implications**

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

6. The cost of attendance for the two attendees will be £80 plus travelling expenses, £40 will be met from Policy team budget and £40 will be met from the Members training budget.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee approves the attendance of the Deputy Leader and the Policy Group Manager at the LGA/NALC Conference on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 as detailed in the report.

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## **Constitutional Comments ([initials and date)**

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To be reported at the meeting.

## 8. Financial Comments (MB 23/01/12)

The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 8 of the report.

## **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

# **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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