

**REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES****SPECIAL INVITATION TO APPRENTICESHIP EVENT AT BUCKINGHAM  
PALACE 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012****Purpose of the Report**

1. To note the attendance of Councillor Philip Owen at the Apprenticeship Event at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Government believes that all individuals who successfully complete their Advanced or Higher Level Apprenticeship deserve to be recognised and celebrated with the same level of prestige as those completing a University degree.
3. HRH The Duke of York is also an important supporter of recognition for young people and hosted a reception to launch the Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremonies Pilot at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.
4. A Special Invitation was received from the National Apprenticeship Service.
5. Councillor Owen as Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee attended along with the Corporate Director for Children Families and Cultural Services and travelled together on train to the event. The associated travel cost of £62.00 to attend the event was met from the Children Families and Cultural Services budget for the Corporate Director. The cost of travel for Councillor Owen to attend the Apprenticeship event was £55.00 which was met from the budget for Member's travelling expenses.

**Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

- 6 For the committee to be aware of the authority's representation at the Apprenticeship Event at Buckingham Palace.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 7 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.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the attendance at the Apprenticeships Event at Buckingham Palace be endorsed.

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### **Constitutional Comments (NAB 17.10.12)**

9. The Administration Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (MB 17/10/12)**

10. The cost can be met from the budget for Member's travelling expenses.

### **Background Papers**

11. Invitation from the National Apprenticeship Service.

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

All