

1 March 2016

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

CHANCE FOR CHANGE CONFERENCE, NOTTINGHAM – 9 MARCH 2016

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the attendance of the Vice-Chair (Councillor Alice Grice) at the Chance for Change Conference being organised by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) at the Albert Hall, Nottingham on 9 March 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Committee is the Lead Member on the issue of domestic violence and abuse.
3. The OPCC has arranged this domestic abuse conference for practitioners, policy makers, academics, commissioners and survivors.
4. The conference, which is being held on International Women's Day 2016, will celebrate the many successes in this field in terms of partnership working, research, innovative interventions and changes in the law to reflect the wider nature of abuse and coercion.
5. As well as celebrating success, the event will also seek to identify what still needs to change, what works and ways of sharing best practice.
6. The conference will feature key national and international speakers as well as showcasing ground-breaking research and practice taking place across the County. Specific elements will include:-
 - the new coercive control offence;
 - the distinct characteristics of 'medium risk', complex, repeat survivors, and the implications for assessment, interventions and measures of 'success' ;
 - local work with perpetrators which contributes to a co-ordinated community response;
 - how effective partnership working can strengthen the front line response and improve long term outcomes.

Other Options Considered

7. To not send a Member to this Conference but this would mean missing an opportunity to share best practice and learning, from a wide range of speakers and delegates, on this key issue.

Reasons for Recommendation

8. To ensure the County Council is appropriately represented at this event in order to share best practice and learning.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

10. The cost of the event is £90 per delegate, which can be met from the relevant Democratic Services budget for Member Development.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the attendance of the Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Committee at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Chance for Change Conference in Nottingham on 9 March 2016.

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For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Constitutional Comments (SB 22/02/2016)

Community Safety Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (CT 22/02/16)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 10 of the report.

Background Papers

Electronic flyer for the event from the OPCC.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All