

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2014****Agenda Item: 11****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY PLANNING AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES****URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE - NORTH OF  
ENGLAND EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2014****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to note that urgent approval for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the North of England Education Conference being held at the Nottingham Conference Centre from 15 - 17 January 2014 was approved by the Chief Executive on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Children and Young People's Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at conferences. However, to ensure that a place could be booked at the Conference, the Chief Executive was asked to urgently approve the attendance of the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee in accordance with the urgency procedure detailed in the County Council's Constitution.
3. The details referred to below will be used to compile the Public Register, which is available on the Council's website.
4. The Conference aimed to look at the role of education, across all sectors, in fostering innovation, inspiring creativity and improving the employability of learners. There was discussion about how early years settings, schools and academies and further and higher education institutions could work collaboratively to get young people ready for the world of work, in new and emerging industries.
5. The Conference also examines new models of delivery to support transformation of the education system and hosted the following guest speakers:
  - Charlie Taylor - Chief Executive of the National College for Teaching and Leadership
  - Dr Maggie Atkinson - Children's Commissioner for England
  - Neil Carberry - Director of Employment and Skills at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI)

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. Approval was given for attendance at the conference so that the County Council's representative can consider issues that are vital to councillors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for education. It is also an important opportunity for networking with partners.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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**

8. The cost of attendance at the conference was £125 plus VAT, which comprises day passes for two of the three Conference dates.
9. The cost of attendance for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee was met from the Member Training Budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Urgent approval for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the North of England Education Conference being held at the Nottingham Conference Centre from 15 - 17 January 2014 is noted.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SLB 27/01/2014)**

10. This report is for noting only

## **Financial Comments (KLA 08/01/14)**

11. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraphs 8 & 9 above.

**Background Papers and Published Documents - None.**

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected - All.**