

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES
CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 2019****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCASC) being held in Bournemouth from 20th to 22nd November 2019 and for the outcomes to be reported to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Children and Young People's Committee in due course.

Information

2. Members are asked to approve costs relating to attendance, travel and accommodation of relevant Members at this event. The conference is organised by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS), the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) and the Local Government Association (LGA). This well-established conference is widely regarded as an important event for elected members and senior managers in local authorities with responsibility for the provision of effective services for children, young people and adults who need care and support.
3. This event is well-attended by councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers from across the statutory, voluntary and private sector. There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors.
4. Confirmed speakers so far include Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care; Nadhim Zahawi, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, Caroline Dinenage, Minister of State for Care, and Amanda Spielman, Chief Inspector at Ofsted.
5. The conference profiles best practice across the country, enabling the Council to ensure that it is taking account of the most effective and innovative way of delivering children's services and adult social care services in Nottinghamshire.

6. The Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health will also be attending the conference, and the department has been offered the opportunity to run a workshop at the conference to share Nottinghamshire's approach to early resolution of people's needs.

Other Options Considered

7. The alternative option is to not attend this year's conference, but since this is the main annual event that is focused on the best practice in children's services and adult social care now and in the future, attendance of representatives from the Council is recommended as below.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. As this conference covers the remit of more than one of the Council's committees, Policy Committee approval is sought for this issue.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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 attendance at the conference is £475 plus VAT per person. Up to three nights' accommodation will also be necessary. Accommodation will cost in the region of £80 to £110 per person per night for bed and breakfast.
11. The costs of attendance for the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee will be met from the Member Training Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) approval is given for the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 20th to 22nd November 2019, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements
- 2) a report on the key outcomes of the conference is brought back to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Children and Young People's Committee in due course.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 05/09/19)

12. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 09/09/19)

13. The cost of three members attending the National Children and Adult Services Conference is estimated to be £2,500. This cost can be met from the budget for members conference fees for which an allocation of £6,000 is included in the 2019/20 revenue budget.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2019
<http://ncasc.info/>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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