

8th January 2018**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND
HEALTH****ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHRONICLE AWARDS EVENT -
MARCH 2018****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report requests approval for attendance of the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee at the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards on 21 March 2018. The Council has been shortlisted in two of the awards categories.

Information and Advice

2. The annual LGC Awards is a prestigious event that rewards excellence in local public service delivery. The awards event will bring together the finalists in 20 categories, where winners of each category will be announced. This year the Council was shortlisted in two categories. The Integrated Community Equipment Loans Service (ICELS) is a finalist in the Public/Private Partnerships category. The work that has taken place in relation to Information Technology (IT) developments in social care and health integration has been shortlisted in the Driving Efficiency through Technology category.
3. The ICELS submission was based on the work undertaken to improve outcomes for service users, the extension of service opening hours, improvements to the practice of professionals requesting equipment and the reduction in costs in order to ensure the service is on budget. Examples of achievements in these areas include: 100% of same day equipment requests being delivered on time; the service is now open to people from 8am to 12 midnight, 7 days a week; and 95% of equipment is now recycled back into use.
4. The IT submission highlighted innovation across a number of projects which were focused on information to manage the care and support packages of individuals and information required at the point of service delivery. Examples of achievements in these areas include the pilot project at King's Mill Hospital which enables service user information to be quickly exchanged between health and social care systems - this has speeded up hospital discharges; and automatic scheduling in both the Short Term Assessment and Reablement Team (START) and for initial assessments by Occupational Therapists and Social Care staff, both of which have increased service capacity and improved the response for service users.

5. Officers representing both nominations will undertake presentations and be interviewed by an expert judging panel made up of senior local government figures in January 2018, and the awards ceremony will take place in London on 21st March 2018.
6. The cost of a table for 12 people at the awards ceremony will be £3,400. In addition there will be further costs associated with travel to and accommodation in London. The cost of the table would be funded from the Corporate Director's budget, although any officers attending from partner organisations will be asked to contribute to this cost. It is proposed that the travel and accommodation costs for staff attending will be covered by relevant service budgets.
7. It is anticipated that the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Corporate Director will attend the awards event along with five staff representatives for each of the shortlisted areas.

Other Options Considered

8. It was considered that the Council does not attend the event. However being shortlisted for these awards is a significant achievement given the number and quality of entries and it provides an opportunity for staff involved in these areas of work to have their work recognised and celebrated. It is also an opportunity to promote the achievements and reputation of the Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The reports recommends attendance by the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee at the LGC Awards event to celebrate the achievements of the staff involved in the two nominated areas in a highly competitive field of entries from across the country.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. The financial implications are contained in **paragraph 6** of the report.

Human Resources Implications

12. The awards recognise the achievements of the Council's staff, and those in partner organisations, at a national and high profile event. Such recognition is a source of pride and high morale amongst the staff involved.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the attendance of the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee at the Local Government Chronicle Awards ceremony on 21 March 2018 be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 13/12/17)

13. Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (DG 20/12/17)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 11 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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