

21 March 2016**Agenda Item: 10****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE 2016****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference being held in Manchester from 2nd to 4th November 2016 and for a report on the outcomes to be brought to the Committee following the conference.

Information and Advice

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at conferences. Members are asked to consider whether attendance at the event should be approved for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee together with the necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
3. The conference is organised by the Local Government Association (LGA), Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) and Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). It addresses issues for children and adults and is regularly attended by more than 1,000 delegates.
4. Approval was given by the Adult Social Care and Health Committee on 7th March 2016 for the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee to also attend the conference. The Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services and the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection will also be attending the conference.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. It is recommended that approval is given for attendance at the conference so that the County Council's representatives can consider issues that are vital to councillors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for adult social care and children's services in the statutory, voluntary and private sector. It is also an important opportunity for networking with partners and MPs in related fields.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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

7. The cost of attendance at the conference is £450 plus VAT per person. Two or three nights' accommodation will also be necessary. An estimate from the conference information suggests a hotel within reasonable walking distance from the conference venue will cost a minimum of £60 per person per night for bed and breakfast.
8. The costs of attendance for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee would be met from the Member Training Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) approval is given for the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester from 2nd to 4th November 2016, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
- 2) the Committee receives a report on the outcomes of the conference.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 05/02/16)

9. In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Councillors Allowances Scheme and the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy, Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SS 10/02/16)

10. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraphs 7 and 8 above.

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.

<http://www.adass.org.uk/ncasc2016/>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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