

9 February 2015**Agenda Item: 13****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****JOINT LGA, SOLACE AND ADCS SUMMIT: TACKLING CHILD SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to note that urgent approval for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the joint LGA, SOLACE and ADCS Summit entitled Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation being held in Local Government House, London, on 20 January 2015 was approved by the Chief Executive on 14 January 2015.

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 places could be booked at the conference, the Chief Executive was asked to urgently approve the attendance of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee, together with the necessary travel arrangements, 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 was organised by the Local Government Association (LGA), Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) and Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). It addressed the issue of how to tackle child sexual exploitation.
5. It is vital that we respond urgently and robustly to this challenge. Child protection is an essential issue for councils, as both community leaders and the statutory agency for children's services, and it is right that local government demonstrates collective leadership on this agenda.
6. The conference was an opportunity for senior leaders within local government to take stock of the issues highlighted over the past few months, to review progress, and to determine what further action is required to ensure children are better protected in future.
7. During the morning, speakers set out the essential challenges facing local government and partner agencies, drawing together some of the key messages from recent cases

and inquiries. The afternoon was an opportunity for frank discussion and debate, and gave all participants the chance to review local and national progress and shape the sector's response over the coming year.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. Approval was given for attendance at the conference so that the County Council's representatives could consider issues that are vital to councillors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for tackling child sexual exploitation.

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. There was no cost for attendance at the conference. Return train tickets to London from Nottingham were £147 each.
11. The costs were met from the Member Training Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the urgent approval for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the joint LGA, SOLACE and ADCS Summit entitled Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation which was held in London on 20 January 2015, together with any necessary travel arrangements, be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

12. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 22/01/15)

13. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 10 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.

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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