

16 September 2013**Agenda Item: 15****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE 2013****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 at the Harrogate International Centre from 16 - 18 October 2013 and for a report on the outcomes to be brought to the Committee in due course.

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 information included within the following sections of the report should ensure compliance with normal decision making rules. If attendance is approved, the details referred to below will be used to compile the Public Register, which is available on the Council's website.
4. 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.
5. The Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services, the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Corporate Director for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection will also attend the conference.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. 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 children's services and adult social care 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

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 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 centre will be in the region of £100-£130 per person per night for bed and breakfast.
9. 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 at the Harrogate International Centre, from 16 -18 October 2013, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
- 2) the Committee receives a report from the Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services on the outcomes of the conference.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 22/07/13)

10. The Children and Young People's Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KLA 26/07/13)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Invitation to attend the conference from the Local Government Association.

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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