



REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK SUMMIT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for relevant Member and officer attendance at the County Councils Network (CCN) Summit and Annual Conference to be held in Guildford, Surrey from 15-17 November 2015.

Information and Advice

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at conferences for which fees are payable. It is proposed that approval be given for the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Main Opposition Group to attend the annual CCN Conference, along with the Chief Executive.
3. The conference is organised by the CCN which is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association which speaks, develops policy and shares best practice for the County family of local authorities.
4. The benefits of attending the Conference are that it is a key forum for county councils and county unitary authorities to share good practice and to hear from Government Ministers and sector leaders.

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 continue to share best practice and network with colleagues, MPs and other partners in related fields.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

8. The cost of attending the conference is £620 plus VAT per delegate, including accommodation at the venue on the 15 & 16 November. There will also be costs relating to travel to and from the event.
9. The costs of conference attendance, accommodation and travel for the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Main Opposition Group will be met from the relevant Member Support budgets.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That approval is given for the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Main Opposition Group and the Chief Executive to attend the County Councils Network Summit and Annual Conference in Guildford, Surrey from 15-17 November 2015, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 21/08/15)

10. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (CB 21/08/15)

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

- CCN Annual Conference Brochure 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.