

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
SERVICES AND CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND  
HEALTH**

**ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES  
CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 2020**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCASC) which is being held virtually this year from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and for the outcomes to be reported to the Children and Young People's Committee and the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in due course.

**Information**

2. Members are asked to approve costs relating to the virtual attendance of relevant Members at this event. The conference is organised by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS), and the Local Government Association (LGA). This well-established conference is widely regarded as an important event for elected members and senior managers in local authorities with responsibility for the provision of effective services for children, young people and adults who need care and support.
3. This event is well-attended by councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers from across the statutory, voluntary and private sector. There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors.
4. Confirmed speakers so far include Vicky Ford, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, and Helen Whately, Minister of State for Care.
5. The conference profiles best practice across the country, enabling the Council to ensure that it is taking account of the most effective and innovative way of delivering children's services and adult social care services in Nottinghamshire.

## **Other Options Considered**

6. The alternative option is to not attend this year's conference, but since this is the main annual event that is focused on the best practice in children's services and adult social care now and in the future, virtual attendance of representatives from the Council is recommended as below.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

7. 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.
8. This conference covers the remit of more than one of the Council's committees. As there was insufficient time to provide a report to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, the Chairmen of both committees agreed to bring this joint report to the Children and Young People's Committee for approval, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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**

10. The cost of virtual attendance at the conference is £100 plus VAT per person.
11. The costs of attendance for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Children and Young People's Committee will be met from the Member Training Budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That:

- 1) approval is given for the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference, which will be held virtually, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- 2) a report on the key outcomes of the conference is brought back to the Children and Young People's Committee and the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in due course.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SS 20/10/20)**

11. This joint report is appropriate to be considered by the Children and Young People's Committee and the proposed resolutions are within their remit.

### **Financial Comments (RWK 21/10/2020)**

12. The costs of attending the virtual conference, in the sum of £100 per person, will be met from the budget for Members Training for which a sum of £5,000 is included in the 2020/21 revenue budget.

### **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.

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2020  
<http://ncasc.info/>

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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