



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

IDeA IMPROVING CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMME 23 – 24 FEBRUARY 2005 - MANCHESTER

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Members to participate in the above programme.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 Approval is sought within the terms of the Council's Conference and Travel Policy for three Members to participate in the above programme.

- 2.2 As part of its continuing support to Local Authorities, the EDeA is offering a new module in its Leadership Academy on "Making Children Matter". The IDeA is running the programme on 23/24 February 2005 in Manchester.

- 2.3 This module is designed for Lead Executive Members who have responsibility for Children's Services and who will also have a future responsibility in terms of managing the change agenda for this area of activity. The IDeA also recognises that the area is one that would benefit from cross party support and ownership and to this end would also like to see attendance on the Programme drawn from Minority Parties.

- 2.4 The costs associated with the programme are as follows:

	Amount	
	£	
Event Fee (Residential)	1950.00	Social Services
Travelling Expenses	120.00	Members Allowances
Subsistence		

The travelling expenses shown above are for standard class rail travel.

3. Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder, Human Rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

4. Recommendations

That approval be given to the attendance of 3 Members at the IDeA Leadership Academy "Making Children Matter" to be held 23 – 24 February 2005 in Manchester.

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Legal Services Comments (KK)

The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve expenditure to be incurred for Member attendance at conferences and seminars including expenditure on accommodation and travel. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee, however this Committee should satisfy itself that the decision falls within the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy.

Director of Resources Financial Comments (MB)

The financial implications re included in the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

IDeA letter of 6th August 2004 setting out programme details.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.

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