

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 18-19 NOVEMBER 2013, CHESTER

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to attend the County Councils Network Annual Conference being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Chester from 18 - 19 November 2013.

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 Leader and the Deputy Leader together with the necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
3. The conference is organised by the County Councils Network which is a cross party special interest group of the Local government Association.
4. The Chief Executive of the County Council will also attend the conference.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. The annual conference is a key event in the CCN calendar and aims to be informative, challenging, and topical. The conference brings together members and officers, providing an opportunity to reflect on the challenges facing local government, to share experience and find solutions to common issues.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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, including accommodation is £470 plus VAT per person.
9. The costs of attendance for the Leader and Deputy Leader would be met from the Member Training Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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- 1) That approval is given for the Leader and Deputy Leader to attend the CCN Annual Conference 18th-19th November 2013, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.

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Leader of the Council**

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Constitutional Comments ()

10. The Committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this report.

Financial Comments (SEM 03/10/13)

11. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Invitation to attend the conference from the County Council's Network.

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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