

**10 September 2018**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC  
HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE 2018**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Chairman and one of the Vice Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCASC) being held in Manchester from 14 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and for the outcomes to be reported to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in due course.

**Information**

2. Members are asked to consider whether attendance at the event should be approved for the Chairman and one of the Vice Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee together with the necessary travel and accommodation arrangements. The conference is organised by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS), the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) and the Local Government Association (LGA).
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 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 adult social care now and in the future, 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 the provision of effective adult social care services. It is also an important opportunity for networking with partners, colleagues and MPs in related fields.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. 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.

## **Data Protection and Information Governance**

9. There are no specific data protection and information governance requirements in relation to attendance at the conference.

## **Financial Implications**

10. The cost of attendance at the conference is £475 plus VAT per person. Three nights' accommodation will also be necessary. Accommodation within reasonable walking distance from the conference venue will cost in the region of £80 to £120 per person per night for bed and breakfast.
11. The costs of attendance for the Chairman and one of the Vice Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee will be met from the Member Training Budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That:

- 1) approval is given for the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements
- 2) a report on the key outcomes of the conference is brought back to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in due course.

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**Constitutional Comments (ADK 21/08/18)**

12. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee by virtue of the terms of reference.

**Financial Comments (DG 22/08/18)**

13. The financial implications are contained within paragraphs 10 and 11 of this report.

**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.

None.

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

All.

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