

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE 2017****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference being held in Bournemouth from 11 - 13 October 2017 and for the outcomes to be reported to the Adult Social Care & Health Committee and the Children & Young People's Committee in due course.

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 Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee together with the necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
3. The conference is organised by the Local Government Association (LGA), Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) and Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). It addresses issues for children and adults and is regularly attended by more than 1,000 delegates.
4. The Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection and the Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services will also be attending the conference.
5. The benefits of attending the Conference are that it profiles the national policy and legislative requirements and all the major national political figures and key government departments attend. The Conference also profiles best practice across the country enabling the Authority to ensure that we are taking account of the most effective and innovative way of delivering children's and adult social care services in Nottinghamshire. Reports are brought back to the Children and Young People's and Adult Social Care and Health Committees.

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 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. It is also an important opportunity for networking with partners and MPs 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 attendance at the conference is £450 plus VAT per person. Three nights' accommodation will also be necessary. An estimate from the conference information suggests a hotel within reasonable walking distance from the conference venue will cost between £65 and £135 per person per night for bed and breakfast.
9. The costs of attendance for the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee would be met from the Member Training Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) approval is given for the Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 11 - 13 October 2017, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
- 2) the outcomes of the conference be reported to the Adult Social Care & Health Committee by the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection and to the Children & Young People's Committee by the Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services in due course.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 07/02/17)

10. The recommendation in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the policy Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 08/02/17)

11. The financial implications are set out in the 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.

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=87561&eventID=289&traceRedir=2&eventID=289>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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