

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH at 11.00am on Tuesday 22 January 2019

Present:

Councillor

D Finch (Chairman)
S Barker
K Bentley
M Mackrory
D Madden

The following officers were present in support throughout the meeting:

Gemma Bint Democratic Services Officer
Paul Turner Director, Legal and Assurance

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations of Interest was received and it was noted:

1. There had been no changes in membership since the Committee's last meeting;
2. No apologies for absence had been received.
3. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Officer Foreign Travel to the Turks and Caicos Islands (FTC/01/19)

1. The Committee considered report FTC/01/19 requesting approval for Helen Lincoln (Executive Director for Children, Families & Education) to travel to the Turks and Caicos Islands to carry out the final evaluation on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Programme from 25-29 March 2019.
2. Members noted that expenses for the trip will be paid for by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Resolved:

1. That travel by Helen Lincoln to the Turks and Caicos Islands to carry out the final evaluation on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 25-29 March, be approved.
2. That a feedback report be submitted to all members following the trip.

4. Officer Foreign Travel to Belarus (FTC/02/19)

1. The Committee considered report FTC/02/19 requesting approval for two officers (Children and Families staff) to travel to Belarus for a week in March 2019 to support the Chernobyl Children's Project in promoting good fostering practice.
2. It was noted that the work will be funded by the UK Embassy and travel and accommodation will be provided.

Resolved:

1. That travel by two officers to travel to Belarus for a week in March 2019 to support the Chernobyl Children's Project, be approved.
2. That a feedback report be submitted to all members following the trip.

5. Officer Foreign Travel to Brussels (FTC/03/19)

1. The Committee confirmed that report FTC/03/19 was approved by email at the beginning of January 2019 for Dominic Collins to travel to Brussels on the 16 January to consult with the ECC employees who run the Brussels office, as the EELGA have decided to remove their funding for the presence in Brussels which has resulted in the Brussels office closing by September 2019.
2. The total cost of the trip was £138.

Resolved:

1. It was agreed that Dominic Collins could travel to Brussels on 16 January 2019 to consult with ECC employees who run the Brussels office, at a total cost of £138.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 10.15am, or on the rise of the Cabinet meeting due to take place that morning, whichever is the later.

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Chairman

26 February 2019