

Report to Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers	FTC/11/14
Date of meeting: 23 September 2014	
Report of action taken since last meeting – Member Visit to Finland	
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1. Purpose of the Report

To confirm action taken since the last meeting regarding a proposed visit to Finland by the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning.

2. Recommendation:

That the decision taken since the last meeting of the Committee to approve a visit to Finland by Councillor Ray Gooding, Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, from 1-3 October 2014 at a total cost of £549 (plus £20 Members meal allowance) be noted.

3. Background and proposal

- 3.1 Since the last meeting of the Committee, an application has been received from the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Councillor Ray Gooding) for approval to travel to Finland from 1-3 October at a total cost of £549 (plus £20 Members meal allowance). The purpose of the visit is to study the Finnish approach to various educational issues, with a view to assessing whether there are aspects of these that could usefully be applied in Essex.
- 3.2 Given that the next meeting of this Committee was not due to take place until 23 September, the Chairman agreed that the application should be circulated to all Members of the Committee for immediate consideration.
- 3.3 Upon being consulted by email, the majority of the Members of the Committee expressed their support for Councillor Gooding's application