

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held at County Hall, Chelmsford, at 10.30am on 17 February 2015

Present:

Councillor

David	Finch	Chairman
Mike	Mackrory	
Dick	Madden	
Simon	Walsh	
Julie	Young	(substituting for Councillor Michael Danvers)

Apologies were received from Cllr Danvers

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

With reference to Minute 4 it was requested that Cllrs Madden and Bentley provide their feedback to Committee members from the County Councils Network Conference.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Finch declared an interest in the report to be raised under Urgent Business – **Approval for Member Attendance at the Local Government Chronicle Awards**. Councillor Finch stated he would not participate in the item.

Councillor Madden declared an interest in – **Member Attendance at Children and Adults Services Conference** and - **Approval for Member Attendance at the Local Government Chronicle Awards**. Councillor Madden stated he would not participate in these items.

3. Member Attendance at Children and Adult Services Conference

Members considered report FTC/01/15 for Councillors Dick Madden (Cabinet Member for Families and Children), Anne Brown (Cabinet Member for Communities and Healthy Living) and Sue Lissimore (Deputy to the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning) to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 14 – 16 October 2015. Two officers (Dave Hill, Executive Director for People Commissioning and Helen Lincoln, Executive Director for Family Operations) will also be attending.

Resolved:

That approval be given for Councillors Dick Madden, Anne Brown and Sue Lissimore to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 14 – 16 October 2015 at an estimated cost to the Council of £828.10 per person (and a total combined cost for members and officers of £4,140.50).

4. Member Attendance at the Local Government Chronicle Awards

Councillor Walsh chaired this item and David Wilde, Director for Information Services, was also in attendance to respond to Member questions.

Members considered an application for three Members (likely to be Cllr Finch, Cllr Madden and Cllr Loius) to attend the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards in London on 11 March 2015. A number of officers will also be attending. The Council has been nominated for two IT awards and one communication award.

David Wilde informed Members that sponsorship had been secured from 'Risual' to the value of £2,100 plus VAT. He added that 'Risual' is a provider of IT software and that there were no current conflicts of interest.

Members were informed there would be full coverage of the event in the Local Government Chronicle.

Resolved:

That approval be given for three Members to attend the Local Government Chronicle Awards in London on 11 March 2015 at an estimated combined cost (Members and Officers) to the Council of £2,400.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 10.30 or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever was the later.

The meeting closed at 10:40

Chairman
24 March 2015