

**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 16 December 2014**

Present:

**Councillor**

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| David   | Finch    | Chairman |
| Michael | Danvers  |          |
| Mike    | Mackrory |          |
| Dick    | Madden   |          |
| Simon   | Walsh    |          |

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Report of Action Taken Since Last Meeting – National Children and Adult Services Conference**

The Committee considered report FTC/17/14 by the Secretary to the Committee confirming action taken since the last meeting regarding Member and Officer attendance at the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester between 29 and 31 October. Members were satisfied that their concerns about various issues, including the level of ECC representation at the Conference, were being addressed.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the arrangements for officer attendance at the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester from 29 – 31 October be noted.
- (2) That the agreement between the Leader of the Council and the Executive Director, People Commissioning for combined Member and Officer attendance at the Conference in future years to be limited to a maximum of six be noted.

**4. National Children and Adult Services Conference: Feedback Report**

The Committee considered report FTC/18/14 by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Children (in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Healthy Living and Councillors Rikki Gadsby and Anne Naylor) which provided feedback from Members and Officers following their attendance at

the National Children and Adults Services Conference in October. This had been requested by the Committee when it approved the application in June of this year.

In welcoming the report, the Chairman emphasised the importance of feedback in demonstrating the value of ECC representation at external events and conferences. Arising from discussion, the feedback received from Councillors Mike Mackrory and Julie Young following their attendance at the County Councils Network Conference (recently circulated to Committee members for information) was noted, and it was agreed that Councillors Dick Madden and Kevin Bentley should also be asked to provide feedback from this event.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the feedback from Members and Officers in relation to the National Children and Adult Services Conference be noted.
- (2) That the feedback recently circulated to Committee members from Councillors Mike Mackrory and Julie Young following their attendance at the County Councils Network (CCN) Conference be noted.
- (3) That Councillors Dick Madden and Kevin Bentley be asked to provide similar feedback, also for circulation to Committee members.

**5. Dates of Future Meetings**

**Resolved:**

That meetings of the Committee beyond May 2015 be held on the following dates:

| <b>2015</b>     |              | <b>2016</b> |             |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tuesday         | 23 June      | Tuesday     | 19 January  |
| Tuesday         | 21 July      | Tuesday     | 16 February |
| Tuesday         | 22 September | Tuesday     | 22 March    |
| Tuesday         | 20 October   | Tuesday     | 19 April    |
| <b>Thursday</b> | 19 November  | Tuesday     | 17 May      |
| Tuesday         | 15 December  |             |             |

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 27 January 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

27 January 2015