

APPROVAL FOR VISITS MADE BY MEMBERS

involving travel abroad / individual costs exceeding £500 / aggregate costs for more than one member of £1,000

Name of Member(s) travelling: Cllr Dick Madden
Cllr Ricki Gadsby

Details of the visit (incl. dates):

To attend the National Children and Adults Services Conference in Manchester on 29 – 31 October 2014. <http://www.ncasc-registration.org/index.php>

Estimated cost of the visit: £ 1,233 per person plus VAT
2,466 plus VAT TOTAL cost to ECC

Rationale for the estimated cost:

* Please note you will need to demonstrate that in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme three quotes have been obtained before booking foreign hotels.

Delegate fee: £450 plus VAT per person

Accommodation:

3 quotes via Intel:

Midland Hotel – £139 per person per night = £417 per person for 3 nights

Radisson Blu - £145 per person per night = £435 per person for 3 nights

Hilton Manchester - £139 per person per night = £417 per person for 3 nights

Travel:

Train – Anytime Return from Chelmsford to Manchester Piccadilly - £366 per person

Purpose of the visit and anticipated value to the County Council:

This event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers, indeed any individual or organisation with responsibilities for children and adults in the statutory, voluntary and private sector.

The conference will be held at Manchester central. There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors. There will also be the opportunity to participate in a variety of breakouts and networking sessions.

The event is regularly used as a platform for policy announcements. It also offers the opportunity for discussions with Ministerial and shadow teams.

This is the National forum for this area of
service within the Council. I agree that attendance

Comments of the Chief Executive

This is a key policy conference for children's ~~services~~ and Adults Services
and will serve to inform thinking and direction for ECC

Comments of the Section 151 Officer

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