

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 10.40am on 23 June 2015

Present:

Councillor

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

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Roger Hirst attended on behalf of Councillor Dick Madden to avoid a conflict of interest, as the Committee was due to consider an application concerning Councillor Madden (minute 4 below refers).

Councillor Madden was present but took no part in the meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Finch declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 (Approval for Member Attendance at the LGA Annual Conference 2015), in that he was one of the Members due to represent the Council at the Conference, and took no further part in the meeting. Councillor Walsh agreed to Chair the meeting.

4. Approval for Member Attendance at the LGA Annual Conference 2015

The Committee considered report FTC/04/15 by the Secretary to the Committee detailing an application for five members and one officer to attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference in Harrogate from 30 June – 2 July 2015 at an estimated cost of £6500. The member attendees would be three from the Conservative group and one each from the Liberal Democrat and Labour groups.

It was noted by the committee that the the Labour Group would only be re-charging part of the cost of accommodation to Essex County Council.

Commenting on the value of attendance at the Conference, Councillor Mackrory referred to the importance of the conference and gave the application his full support. He confirmed that Councillor Ann Turrell would be

attending from the Liberal Democrat Group.

Following advice received from the Monitoring Officer consideration was also given to the value of officer attendance at the conference.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved:

- 1) That approval be given for for five members and one officer to attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference in Harrogate from 30 June – 2 July 2015 at an estimated cost of £6500.
- 2) That approval be given for up to an additional two officers to attend.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 23 June 2015 at 10.15 or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever was the later.

6. Urgent Business

No urgent business was received.

The meeting closed at 10:40

Chairman
23 June 2015