

Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers	FTC/15/16
Date: 13 December 2016	
Feedback from Member Attendance at the National Children and Adult Services (NCAS) 2016 Conference	
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1. Purpose of the Report

To provide feedback from Councillor Dick Madden following his attendance at the National Children and Adult Services (NCAS) 2016 Conference.

2. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

3. Background

Prior to the meeting of the Committee on 13 December 2016, Members agreed in principle Member Attendance at the National Children and Adult Services (NCAS) 2016 Conference 2 and 4 November 2016 at an estimated cost of £900 plus VAT, subject to a report being submitted to this meeting of the committee.

4. Feedback

On 2nd - 4th November 2016 Councillor Dick Madden attended the National Children and Adult Service conference in Manchester. He has provided the following feedback:

“The conference was opened by the ADCS President, our very own Dave Hill, who gave an upbeat speech on the subject of Children services in relation to education and safeguarding for the whole nation and welcomed politicians and officers from the field of Adults and Children Social Care.

As usual there was an exhibition area which provided stands for assorted groups of organisations who are engaged in Adults and Children Services.

The main conference was attended by the Secretary of State for Education Justine Greening and Edward Timpson MP Childrens and Families Minister. In addition, in the main auditorium assorted MP's from all parties engaged in debates surrounding Health and Social Care, Adults Social Care, Education, and Childrens Services in particular unaccompanied asylum seekers.

Surrounding the auditorium, opportunities were made available for policy sessions, an example of this was life changes and family stability, a sustainable future for adult care and tackling radicalisation and preventing extremism in schools.

The conference was well attended by politicians throughout England and Wales and officers from Social Care Adults and Children, so networking was going on all the time the conference was in session and equally at the end of each day socially."

Councillor Dick Madden will provide further information on all the events that took place at the conference and key speakers if required by any of the Committee Members.