

Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers	<b>FTC/16/16</b>
<b>Date: 13 December 2016</b>	
<b>Feedback from Member and Officer Attendance at the CCN Conference 2016</b>	
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### 1. Purpose of the Report

To provide feedback following the Councillor Finch, Councillor Bentley, Councillor Madden, Councillor Mackrory, Councillor Henderson and one officer, Peter Fairley at the County Councils Network (CCN) annual conference in Surrey 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### 2. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

### 3. Background

At the meeting of the Committee on 20 September 2016, Members approved the attendance of five Members and one officer at the CCN annual conference from 6 to 8 November 2016 in Guildford, Surrey at a total estimated cost of £3860 plus VAT.

### 4. Feedback

Councillor Finch, Councillor Bentley, Councillor Madden, Councillor Mackrory and Councillor Henderson and in addition one officer Peter Fairley attended the CCN Conference in Surrey 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Councillor Madden has provided the following feedback:

“At this conference two Government Ministers attended, Sajid Javid, Minister of State for the DCLG, and Chris Grayling, Minister of State for Transport, they gave Government policy in respect of their own areas which included

accountable, efficient, innovative: the future of county councils' and this information is available via the DCLG website.

In addition Javid spoke highly of councils and the way we delivered savings but then got on to the way we need to embrace further change.

The Minister for transport speech was short, he said he has set 3 tests for transport projects for his civil servants to consider:

- 1) Do they relieve congestion?
- 2) Do they improve connectivity?
- 3) Do they enable housing or economic growth?

During the conference Members of the Labour party and Liberal Democrat Party also gave presentations on their prospective on government and the future of their own policies.

In addition at the conference a speech was made by Lord Porter, Chair of the LGA.

Throughout the conference presentations were made by local authority's and some providers on local authority finance, NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans, overview of latest polling data and an overview of the economic outlook of the UK.

A good presentation was made by our own Dave Hill who gave an overview of Childrens Social Care and Education

This report is brief for the information of the Foreign Travel Committee, more details can be obtained from Peter Fairley or Councillor Dick Madden."