

**REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE EVENT****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For the Committee to consider nominating delegates to attend CfPS Regional Health Scrutiny events.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Handbook contains a protocol for use of the Scrutiny Committees budget to attend training and conferences relevant to the remit of the Committee.

**3. Conference Details**

- 3.1 As part of the Health Scrutiny Support Programme the CfPS is offering a number of Regional Events to look at the challenges facing communities, local authorities and the NHS and how the unique powers of scrutiny can continue to make a difference to local people and services. Events are taking place in London, Birmingham, Manchester, and York.
- 3.2 As well as providing the latest position on the progress of the Health Bill, workshops will be offered on:
- Are we adequately prepared for an ageing society?
  - Respecting dignity – are we getting it right?
  - Reducing health inequalities: a scrutiny resource kit
  - Upholding and monitoring the NHS Constitution as a benchmark for local issues
- 3.3 Places have been reserved at the London event on 29 November and the York event on 31 January 2011. There is no cost for attendance at the conference however travelling costs will be incurred. It is possible that further places could be reserved at the York event.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is suggested that the Committee nominates the Chair of the Committee, and the Health Scrutiny Officer to attend the London event and the Head of Scrutiny and Assistant Scrutiny Officer to attend the York event with travel expenses to be funded from the budget of the Scrutiny Committee.

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