

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide scrutiny members with details of the CfPS Annual Conference.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council's Scrutiny Handbook contains a protocol for use of the Scrutiny Committee's budget by members to attend training and conferences relevant to their remit.

3. CFPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013

- 3.1 An invitation has been received from the Centre of Public Scrutiny to attend its Annual Conference to be held 10 June 2014.

Title: 'You have reached your destination': scrutiny's role on the road to better places'

Date: 10 June 2014

Venue: Local Government House, Westminster

- 3.2 Commissioning, outsourcing, co-operation or transformation – whatever word you use to describe them, there are big changes happening across public services. The 12th annual conference will focus on public sector commissioning as a lever for change and how scrutiny and accountability are vital to ensure commissioning improves outcomes for communities and places as well as saves money. Delegates are invited to share their story with fellow practitioners and learn about how to apply practical solutions to the challenges they face.

- 3.3 Guest speakers include:-

- Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP – Chair, Public Accounts Committee
- Helene Donnelly - Ambassador for Cultural Change and former Mid Staffordshire nurse whistleblower
- Mike Cladingbowl (National Director, Schools & Regional Director, North West)

- 3.4 Collaborative workshops focusing on in-depth reform issues will be run by expert facilitators. The full programme can be found at **appendix 1**.

- 3.5 Delegate rates are as follows:

An early booking rate (up to 29 March 2014) is available for £215. After 29 March rates for the full conference will be £239.

- 3.6 It is suggested that the Committee nominate the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Coordinator and one other delegate to attend the Conference.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to nominate the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Scrutiny Coordinator and one other delegate to attend the Conference.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

CfPS Annual Conference Papers

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Appendix 1

CfPS Annual Scrutiny Conference - Programme

10 June 2014

10:30 - 11:00	Registration and morning refreshments
11:00 - 11:10	Welcome from Chair Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP, Chair of CfPS
11:10 - 11:45	Opening keynote: All change in 2015? Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP - Chair, Public Accounts Committee
11:45 - 12:45	Plenary: What Does Data Tell You: Panel discussion Speakers to be confirmed
12:45 - 13:35	Lunch and networking
13:35 - 13:40	Welcome back from afternoon chair
13:40 - 14:15	Plenary: Looking at Quality in a Different Way - speaker to be confirmed
14:20 - 15:25	WORKSHOP ONE: Health - From Ward to Ward – Risk, Quality and Trust WORKSHOP TWO: Policing – PCPs, to 2015 and beyond WORKSHOP THREE: If this were my child? Scrutiny's role in keeping children safe
15:25- 16:25	WORKSHOPS REPEAT
16:30 - 16:50	Plenary: School improvement - Mike Cladingbowl - Director, Schools, Ofsted
16:50 - 17:15	Closing keynote - Whistleblowers: raising concerns & accountability Helen Donnelly, Ambassador for Cultural Change and former Mid Staffordshire nurse whistleblower
17:15 - 17:30	Summing up - Jessica Crowe, Executive Director, CfPS