

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 2015**

- 3.1 An invitation has been received from the Centre of Public Scrutiny to attend its Annual Conference to be held 2 June 2015.

**Title:** 'Accountability Max? Devolution, austerity and responsibility'

**Date:** 2 June 2015

**Venue:** Local Government House, Westminster

- 3.2 What impact will continued decentralisation have on scrutiny? Will increased local powers and devolved budgets see new approaches local government governance? How do public sector leaders best use scrutiny in a new political landscape which continues to be committed to austerity? What impact will the general election have on the future of local government scrutiny?

- 3.3 CfPS 13th annual conference will tackle some of these big questions head on through a mix of high-profile keynote speakers, workshops designed to give scrutineers practical skills, brilliant examples of effective scrutiny taking place right now and lots of opportunities to network with colleagues.

- 3.3 Guest speakers include:-

- Sir Bob Kerslake - Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary at the Department of Communities and Local Government
- Alexis Jay (TBC) - Independent Inquiry in to Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham
- Adrian Hughes - Deputy Chief Inspector, Adult Social Care (South Region and Registration), Care Quality Commission

- 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 is available for £215.
- 3.6 It is suggested that the Committee nominate the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Officer 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 Officer 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 2 June 2015

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| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b> | Registration and morning refreshments   |
| <b>11:00 - 11:10</b> | Welcome from Chair<br><b>Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP, Chair of CfPS</b>  |
| <b>11:10 - 11:45</b> | Opening keynote: Devolution, Austerity and Responsibility<br><b>Sir Bob Kerslake</b>  |
| <b>11:45 - 12:45</b> | Panel Debate: The Role of Scrutiny in the Face of Austerity<br><b>Speakers to be confirmed</b>  |
| <b>12:45 - 13:35</b> | Lunch and networking  |
| <b>13:35 - 13:40</b> | Welcome back from afternoon chair   |
| <b>13:40 - 14:15</b> | Risk, Resilience and Recovery - <b>Speaker TBC</b>  |
| <b>14:20 - 15:25</b> | WORKSHOP 1A: Integrating Health and Social Services<br><br>WORKSHOP 2: Local Accountability: Lessons from Scrutiny Development Areas<br><br>WORKSHOP 3: Children and Young People: Safeguarding   |
| <b>15:25- 16:25</b>  | WORKSHOP 1A: Integrating Health and Social Services: Public Health<br><br>WORKSHOP 2: Local Accountability: Budget and Financial Management<br><br>WORKSHOP 3: Children and Young People: Lessons from our School Improvement Programme |
| <b>16:30 - 16:50</b> | Accountability My Mum Would Be Proud of - Remembering the Experience of People Who Use Services<br><b>Adrian Hughes, Care Quality Commission</b>  |
| <b>16:50 - 17:15</b> | <b>Closing keynote:</b> It Couldn't Happen Here, Could It?<br><b>Alexis Jay OBE</b> - Independent Inquiry in to Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham  |
| <b>17:15 - 17:30</b> | Fringe Session In Partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau   |