

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 April 2010

REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

For the Committee to consider nominating delegates to attend the 8th Annual Safeguarding Children Forum taking place on Thursday 10th June in central London

2. Background

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

3. Conference Details

- 3.1 The DCSF is currently making revisions to the Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance document. The revisions seek to build on original recommendations from Lord Laming's inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié, and build on the consultation which closed this month. The Head of the new cross-Government National Safeguarding Delivery Unit will be discussing this guidance at the Forum.
- 3.2 An expert panel of speakers will discuss the latest policy and guidance, share good practice and promote understanding from serious case reviews. The panel includes:
- Adrian McAllister, Chief Executive, Independent Safeguarding Authority
 - Cheryl Coppel, Chair, London Safeguarding Children Board and Chief Executive, London Borough of Havering
 - Andrew Flanagan, Chief Executive, NSPCC
 - Dr Roger Morgan, Children's Rights Director for England
 - Deirdre Quill, Director of Early Intervention and Prevention, Children's Workforce Development Council
 - Heather Brown, Divisional Manager, Social Care Safeguarding, Ofsted
 - DCS Gordon Briggs, Head of Child Abuse Investigation, Metropolitan Police
- 3.3 Delegates will be able to take part in interactive seminars including:
- Safeguarding children across culture and faith
 - Identifying and safeguarding victims of child trafficking
 - Safeguarding children abused through domestic violence
- 3.1 The cost of the conference is £379.00 + VAT per delegate. It is suggested that the Committee nominates the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Stewart and Cllr Bell to attend the Conference and report back to the Scrutiny Committee.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the attendance of two delegates to the above conference to be funded from the budget of the Scrutiny Committee.
5. **Background Papers**
Conference invitation

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