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REPORT TO: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

16th November 2011

REPORT OF: Colin Green, Director Children, Learning & Young People

TITLE: Attendance at Adults and Children's Services (ADCS/ADASS/LGA) Annual Conference

DATE: 21 - 23 October 2009

VENUE: Harrogate Conference Centre

1. Recommendation

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is requested to note the report.

2. Background

The ADCS/ADASS/LGA annual adults and children's services conference is the major conference for members, seniors officers and a wide range of third sector and for profit organisations that provide services to children and adults. Councillor Blundell, Councillor Kelly and Colin Green, Director of Children, Learning and Young People, attended the Conference. The programme is a combination of major set piece events such as addresses from the Secretaries of State for Health and Children, Schools and Families, their shadows from the opposition parties and the Presidents of the ADCS and ADASS, workshops on a wide range of topics and an exhibition.

3. Cost of attending

(3 delegates attended)

Conference Fees: £485.00 per delegate – total £1,455.00

Flights: N/A

Additional Travel Expenses: £89.00 per delegate (train travel) – total £267.00

Accommodation: £50.00 per person per night – total £150.00

Subsistence: N/A

4. Benefits

The major conference speeches were of interest and gave an insight into the latest thinking of key Government and opposition figures on children's and adults services. The workshops were of good quality and provided the opportunity for some in depth discussion on topics such as the Common Assessment Framework, the 21st Century Schools White Paper and the Costs of Implementing Lord Laming's recommendations. The conference also provided excellent opportunities to network with colleagues from across the country.

The major deficiency of the conference from the perspective of a Director of Children's Services is the lack of any content of any weight on schools issues. This will need to be corrected to ensure that the conference has sustained attendance from DCSs and lead members for children's services.

List of background papers

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Papers open to public inspection

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Location

Nil