

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES
IN THE SPOTLIGHT - WHERE TO NEXT?**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider attendance at a one day conference organised by the Local Government Association to be held on Thursday 24 September 2009.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Government Association have organised a one day conference entitled "Children's Social Services in the Spotlight - Where to Next?" to be held on Thursday 24 September 2009 at Local Government House in London.
- 2.2 The conference will consider various issues in relation to the safety and protection of children in England. The conference will bring together a range of speakers from all sectors and levels of government, explore developments in safeguarding and children's social work in 2009, looking at the challenges, the responses and where we go now to make social work a profession that is respected and which attracts the brightest and best to do this invaluable work, often in the most challenging circumstances.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That consideration be given to attendance at the above mentioned conference.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Conference details.