

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 8 February 2006

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

John McGuinness, David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Jim Daisley

Attending:

S Abbott, L Ballantyne and L Wyllie, Administration Assistants

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Conference Allocation Committee held on 14 December 2005 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc

A report dated 1 February 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted providing details on various conferences and seminars which the Council had been invited to attend.

The Committee decided:

(1) that the Council be represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(a) Neil Stewart Associates: "Developing the Youth Sector Workforce"	14 February 2006 London	Councillor Burns
(b) LGC Conference: "Delivering the Vision of Youth Matters"	22 February 2006 London	Councillor Burns
(c) Neil Stewart Associates: "Developing Adolescent Health Services"	28 February 2006 London	Councillor McCann

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(d) Neil Stewart Associates: “Reducing Crime on Public Transport 2006”	28 February 2006 London	Councillor C Thompson
(e) National Association of Councillors (NAC): “Delivering Local Democracy”	3 and 4 March 2006 Glasgow	Councillors Carlin and Horne
(f) Holyrood Events: “Scotland’s Transport Puzzle: Connecting National and Regional Strategies”	13 March 2006 Edinburgh	Councillor C Thompson
(g) The Herald: “Young Lives Today”	14 March 2006 Glasgow	Councillor AM Mitchell
(h) GovNet Events: “Transforming Public Services in Scotland”	28 March 2006 Edinburgh	Councillor J Handibode
(i) Construction Industry Conference Centre Limited: 30 th UK Transport Conference and Exhibition	6 and 7 April 2006 Nottingham	Councillor W McCaig

(2) that the Council be not represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) Public Private Finance: “Are You Creating the Most Efficient Partnership to Manage Your Projects Successfully?”	21 February 2006 London
(b) LexisNexis: “Disability Discrimination Act 2005”	21 February 2006 London
(c) Neil Stewart Associates: “Developing Services for Gypsies and Travellers”	23 February 2006 London
(d) IDOX Information Services Limited: Scottish Planning and Environmental Law Conference 2006	30 and 31 March 2006 Stirling
(e) The Scottish Society for Autism: “Defining Diversity – Embracing Difference”	6 May 2006 Edinburgh

4 Elected Member Representation at Conferences Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)

A report dated 1 February 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve member attendance at a number of conferences.

The Committee decided:

that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve member attendance at the following conferences, be noted:-

- ◆ Councillor Hughes at the “Choice and Neighbourhoods: What does it mean for Service Providers?” conference organised by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) held in Leeds on 11 January 2006
- ◆ Councillor Morgan at the “Autism into Work” conference organised by The National Autistic Society held in Edinburgh on 19 January 2006; and
- ◆ Councillor Burns at the “Let’s Make It Happen” conference organised by the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils (SALSC) held in Glasgow on 3 and 5 February 2006

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.