

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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

Chair:

Councillor John McGuinness

Councillor Present:

David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, Jim Docherty

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S Abbott, L Ballantyne and L Wyllie, Administration Assistants

Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 5(b), Councillor McGuinness was appointed Chair for this meeting.

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

Consideration of attendance at the "Transforming Public Services in Scotland" conference organised by GovNet Events to be held in Edinburgh on 28 March 2006 was not required as this had been dealt with by the Committee at its meeting on 8 February 2006.

The Committee decided:

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(a) MacKay Hannah Limited: “Emergency Planning in Scotland - New Threats, New Responsibilities”	14 March 2006 Edinburgh	Councillor Manson
(b) Equal Opportunities Commission: “Free to Choose - Breaking Down Gender Barriers in Education, Training and Work”	21 March 2006 London	Provost Ahmad
(c) Scottish Police: Architectural Liaison Officers’ Conference	22 March 2006 Kincardine	Councillor Condie
(d) Neil Stewart Associates: “Ageing in the Workplace – A Win-Win”	30 March 2006 London	Councillors Crawford and McNab
(e) Children in Scotland: “Supporting Young People Too”	5 April 2006 Erskine	Councillor Morgan
(f) Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care (SIRCC): Annual Conference 2006	5 and 6 June 2006 Aviemore	Councillors Devlin and Mary Smith

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) Holyrood Events: “The Future of Energy Provision in Scotland”	14 March 2006 Edinburgh
(b) Institute of Highways and Transportation: “Managing Access in Towns and Cities”	16 March 2006 Birmingham
(c) MacKay Hannah Limited: “One Scotland Many Cultures – the Realities of Integration and Race Equality”	28 March 2006 Glasgow
(d) Institute of Local Government Studies: “Area Committees, Decentralisation and Neighbourhood Governance - Developing the Modernisation Agenda”	4 April 2006 Birmingham
(e) Neil Stewart Associates: “The Future of Libraries - Improving Accessibility and Performance”	4 April 2006 London
(f) Shelter: “Delivering on Homelessness 2006”	24 April 2006 Edinburgh
(g) Shared Care Scotland: “Care Breaks and Cultural Awareness”	27 April 2006 Stirling
(h) Local Government Chronicle (LGC): “Meeting Housing Demand”	17 May 2006 London

4 Urgent Business – Late Notice of Additional Conference

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Chair decided, in view of the timescales involved, that consideration be given to the following report as a matter of urgency.

A report dated 3 March 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was tabled on invitations for the Council to be represented at the following conferences:-

- ◆ “Developing the Childcare Workforce 2006” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 28 March 2006
- ◆ “Restorative Justice in Action into the Mainstream – 3rd International Conference” organised by Restorative Justice Winchester RJ Group to be held in London on 29 March 2006
- ◆ the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Annual Conference to be held in London on 30 March 2006

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council be represented by Councillors Jim Docherty and McCann at the “Developing the Childcare Workforce 2006” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 28 March 2006;
- (2) that the Council be represented by Councillors Burns and Falconer at the “Restorative Justice in Action into the Mainstream – 3rd International Conference” organised by Restorative Justice Winchester RJ Group to be held in London on 29 March 2006; and
- (3) that the Council be represented by Councillors Burns and Mary Smith at the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Annual Conference to be held in London on 30 March 2006.