

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 17 November 2004

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

John McGuinness, David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Jim Daisley

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S Abbott and L Ballantyne, 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 20 October 2004 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 10 November 2004 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted providing details on various conferences and seminars which the Council had been invited to attend.

In view of the requirement to make arrangements in advance of this meeting and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had approved the attendance of Councillor Morgan at the Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children – Information Sharing, Systems and Solutions conference organised by the Social Services Research Group (SSRG) held in Stirling on 15 November 2004.

The Committee decided:

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(a) Alcohol Focus Scotland: "Licensing Conference"	2 December 2004 Glasgow	Councillors P Clearie, McNab, Reilly and May Smith

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(b) McKay Hannah Limited/ Napier University: "The Future for Scottish Local Government – Scottish Councils - Excellence Accountability and Community Leadership"	3 December 2004 Edinburgh	Councillor Buchanan
(c) Association of Town Centre Managers (ATCM): "Promoting and Managing Growth"	8 and 9 December 2004 London	Councillor McNab
(d) MacKay Hannah Limited/Napier University: "Banning Smoking in Public Places in Scotland?"	13 December 2004 Edinburgh	Councillors P Clearie and McNab
(e) Holyrood Conferences and Events: "Housing in the Community Developing Solutions for Scotland"	17 January 2005 Edinburgh	Councillors Baillie, Casserly and A McInnes

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) Scottish Women's Aid: "Domestic Abuse in Scotland – Change in Perception and Practice"	24 November 2004 Crieff
(b) Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland/Hays Montrose Architects: "Tramspotting"	26 November 2004 Edinburgh
(c) Shelter: "Minimum Rights for Hostel Dwellers: The Long Awaited Framework for Reform"	30 November 2004 Glasgow
(d) QMW Public Policy Seminars: "Equality and Fairness – Establishing the Commission for Equality and Human Rights"	6 December 2004 London
(e) Local Government Information Unit (LGIU): "Creating Good Corporate Governance"	7 December 2004 London
(f) Arkleton Institute for Rural Development Research: "The Future of Rural Development"	9 December 2004 Aberdeen
(g) Neil Stewart Associates/Crime Stoppers/Crime Concern: "Building the Extended Policing Family – Partnerships for Improving Community Safety"	15 December 2004 London
(h) SACRO: "Youth Justice – Co-operative Solutions to Offending"	24 January 2005 Edinburgh

Seminar or Conference**Date and Venue**

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| (i) | NHS Health Scotland/YouthLink Scotland: "The Young People and Health Conference" | 24 and 25 January 2005
Glasgow |
| (j) | Local Government Chronicle: "Developing Effective Ways of Working to Tackle Anti-social Behaviour" | 26 January 2005
London |
| (k) | Holyrood Conferences and Events: "Health in Scotland Explained" | 3 March 2005
Edinburgh |

- (3) 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 the attendance of Councillor Morgan at the Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children – Information Sharing Systems and Solutions conference organised by the Social Services Research Group (SSRG) held in Stirling on 15 November 2004, be noted.

4 Item of Urgent Business – Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc – Late Notice of Additional Conferences

In view of the requirement to deal with this matter to allow arrangements for member representation to be made in advance of the date of the conferences, the Chair decided, in terms of Standing Order No 4, that consideration be given to member representation as a matter of urgency at:-

- ♦ Delivering Improved Care for All Children – Working Towards Organisational and Professional Integration conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 1 December 2004
- ♦ Education for Children and Young People in Public Care conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 2 December 2004

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council be represented by Councillors Burns and Carlin at the "Delivering Improved Care for All Children – Working Towards Organisational and Professional Integration" conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 1 December 2004; and
- (2) that the Council be represented by Councillors J Docherty and McCann at the "Education for Children and Young People in Public Care" conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 2 December 2004.