

Report

Report to: Date of Meeting: Report by:

## Conference Allocation Committee 7 May 2008 Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

# Subject: Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
  - provide details on various conferences and seminars which the Council has been invited to attend to allow elected member representation to be determined.

#### 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to:-
  - (1) consider the invitations received for the various conferences and seminars listed in the appendix to this report and decide on which elected members should attend particular conferences/seminars, etc if it is considered appropriate for the Council to be represented.

#### 3. Background

3.1. Invitations have been received in respect of the various conferences, seminars, etc contained in the list attached to this report. In accordance with procedures for dealing with conferences, etc, details of the conferences and seminars have been issued to the Leaders of the Political Groups. Their comments are available to assist the Conference Allocation Committee with its consideration of particular invitations.

#### 4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications.

#### 5. Financial Implications

5.1. Delegate fees associated with members' attendance at those conferences, etc, at which it is considered that the Council should be represented, can be met from within the existing budget.

#### 6. Other Implications

6.1. There are no other implications for the Council associated with this report.

#### 7. Equalities Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 7.2. Other than consultation with the appropriate elected members in terms of the process established for dealing with invitations received to attend conferences and seminars, no formal consultation was required.

#### Robert McIlwain Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

30 April 2008

# Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

• Accountable, Effective and Efficient

## **Previous References**

None

#### List of Background Papers

Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, seminars, etc

#### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-Sandra Abbott, Administration Assistant Ext: 5393 (Tel: 01698 455393) E-mail: sandra.abbott@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

#### South Lanarkshire Council CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE - 07/05/2008 List of Conferences, Seminars, etc

No Start Date	End Date	Conference Title	Organiser(s)	Venue(s)
<b>1.</b> 20/05/2008	21/05/2008	Infrastructure Investment in Scotland	The Scottish Government	Edinburgh
<b>2.</b> 22/05/2008	22/05/2008	The Scottish Housing Bubble	Shelter	Edinburgh
<b>3.</b> 06/06/2008	08/06/2008	Equality and Opportunity Conference	National Association of Councillors (NAC)	Cardiff
<b>4.</b> 16/06/2008	16/06/2008	Taking Stock: Scotland's Planning System in 2008	Holyrood Conferences and Events	Edinburgh