

# CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 19 October 2005

**Chair:**

Councillor Jim Docherty

**Councillors Present:**

John McGuinness, David Watson

**Councillor's Apology**

Jim Daisley

**Attending:**

L Ballantyne and C Lyon, Administration Assistants

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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The minutes of the meeting of the Conference Allocation Committee held on 21 September 2005 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 3 Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc

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A report dated 12 October 2005 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) Commission for Racial Equality/Neil Stewart Associates: "Driving Race Equality in Local Government Partnerships" | 25 October 2005<br>London  | Councillors Falconer and Alex McInnes |
| (b) Scottish Baspcan: "Child Protection Conference – Dangerous Adults – The HiddenThreat"                            | 9 November 2005<br>Peebles | Councillors Gauld and Morgan          |
| (c) Political Studies Association: "Values of Britishness"   | 28 November 2005<br>London | Provost Ahmad                         |

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

| <b>Seminar or Conference</b>  | <b>Date and Venue</b>               |
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| (a) Scottish Executive: "Road Expo Scotland"  | 26 and 27 October 2005<br>Edinburgh |
| (b) The White Paper Conference Company: "Making the Planning System Work for Your Proposals"  | 28 October 2005<br>Edinburgh        |
| (c) Counsel and Care/Joseph Rowantree Foundation: "That Bit of Help – Local Approaches to Tackling Older People's Social Exclusion" | 3 November 2005<br>London           |
| (d) Children in Scotland: "Annual Conference 2005 – Learning for Life"  | 3 and 4 November 2005<br>Dundee     |
| (e) People First (Scotland)/South Lanarkshire Council: "Feeling Good"   | 9 November 2005<br>Hamilton         |
| (f) Friends of the Earth Scotland: "Tackling Environmental Crime"   | 11 November 2005<br>Edinburgh       |
| (g) MacKay Hannah Limited: "Anti-Social Behaviour and Summary Justice Reform – Faster, Fairer, Better Justice"                      | 21 November 2005<br>Edinburgh       |
| (h) Holyrood Communications: "Domestic Abuse in Scotland – Strategies and Solutions"  | 5 December 2005<br>Edinburgh        |

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#### **4 Items of Urgent Business**

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

- ◆ a report dated 18 October 2005 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was tabled on representation at the South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership Conference entitled "Local Heritage – Making the Connections" organised by South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to be held in Symington, Lanarkshire on 31 October 2005
- ◆ representation at the "2007 Elections – But Not as We Know Them!" conference organised by the Scottish Members' Services Development Network to be held in Glasgow on 7 November 2005
- ◆ representation at the Annual Youth Justice Convention 2005 organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 16 and 17 November 2005. In terms of Standing Order No 17 because of the additional information received on the content of the programme, it was agreed that further consideration be given to representation at this conference

#### **The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the Council be represented by Councillors Forrest, Gauld, Gray, McAlpine and Shearer at the South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership Conference entitled "Local Heritage – Making the Connections" organised by South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to be held in Symington, Lanarkshire on 31 October 2005;

- (2) that the Council be represented by Councillor Osborne at the “2007 Elections – But Not as We Know Them!” conference organised by the Scottish Members’ Services Development Network to be held in Glasgow on 7 November 2005; and
- (3) that the Council be represented by Councillor Burns at the Annual Youth Justice Convention 2005 organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 16 and 17 November 2005.

*[Reference: Minutes of 21 September 2005 (Paragraph 3)]*