

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 16 November 2005

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

John McGuinness, David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Jim Daisley

Attending:

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 19 October 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 9 November 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) Holyrood Communications: "The Rural Economy – Cultivating Ideas"	17 November 2005 Pitlochry	Councillor McAlpine
(b) Neil Stewart Associates: "Diversity in Health Promoting Disability, Gender and Age Equality"	2 December 2005 London	Councillor Gilligan
(c) MacKay Hannah Limited: "Efficient and Effective Public Services in Scotland - Sink or Swim?"	5 December 2005 Edinburgh	Councillor Buchanan

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(d) Neil Stewart Associates: "Promoting Race Equality for Young People"	8 December 2005 London	Councillors Jim Docherty and McCann
(e) Scottish Executive: "The New Planning Bill for Scotland"	18 January 2006 Edinburgh	Councillors Denis McKenna and Scott

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) Telephonetics: "Learn About New Communication Technologies That Can Help Your E-Government Targets Whilst Reducing Your Operational Costs"	22 November 2005 Chelsea
(b) CDC Knowledge: 2 nd Annual Supporting People Conference	30 November 2005 Perth
(c) Scottish Women's Convention: "Taking the Opportunity - Making STV Work for Women"	1 December 2005 Edinburgh
(d) Economic and Social Research Council: "Ageing Britain – Shades of Grey"	6 December 2005 Glasgow
(e) Neil Stewart Associates: "The Disability Equality Duty - What Does It Mean For You?"	7 December 2005 London
(f) LexisNexis: "Local Government Communications"	8 December 2005 London
(g) MacKay Hannah Limited: "Regeneration and Renewal in Scotland - What's Worked, What's New and Where to Next?"	12 December 2005 Edinburgh
(h) Glasgow City Council: "5 th Moving On Conference – Delivering Tomorrow's Solutions"	8 and 9 March 2006 Glasgow

4 Item of Urgent Business

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

A report dated 15 November 2005 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was tabled on representation at the "Clever Procurement – Delivering Community Benefits and Efficiency" conference organised by the Local Government Association to be held in London on 5 December 2005.

The Committee decided: that the Council be represented by Councillor Falconer at the "Clever Procurement – Delivering Community Benefits and Efficiency" conference organised by the Local Government Association to be held in London on 5 December 2005.