

Report

Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 August 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide details on conferences, etc 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 conferences, etc listed in the appendix to this report and decide on which elected members should attend particular conferences, etc if it is considered appropriate for the Council to be represented.

3. Background

3.1. Invitations have been received in respect of the conferences, etc contained in the list attached to this report. In accordance with procedures for dealing with conferences, etc, details of the conferences, etc 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. The annual budget for attendance at Conferences and associated travel, subsistence and accommodation is £16,000. The year to date commitment is £1,590, spend to date is £1,590 leaving a balance of £14,410 for the remainder of 2018/2019.

6. Other Implications

6.1. Attendance at conferences, etc contributes to individual members' learning and development profiles. In terms of good governance, it is important that elected members have the opportunity to attend events which keep them briefed on current developments and reinforce the knowledge and skills required to enable them to fulfil their role.

6.2. There are no other implications in terms of risk or sustainability associated with the content of 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.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

20 August 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, etc

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE – 28/08/2018
List of Conferences, Seminars, etc

No	Start Date	End Date	Conference Title	Organiser(s)	Venue(s)
1.	14/09/2018	14/09/2018	National Health Scrutiny and Assurance	Centre for Public Scrutiny	London
2.	14/09/2018	16/09/2018	Tackling Austerity	National Association of Councillors (NAC)	Leicestershire
3.	20/09/2018	20/09/2018	Church of Scotland Annual Conference	Church of Scotland	Glasgow
4.	15/10/2018	15/10/2018	Setting the Scene World Heritage Conference	Places of World Heritage UK	London
5.	23/10/2018	23/10/2018	Safe Homes for Scotland's Gypsy Travellers Community	Holyrood Events	London
6.	23/11/2018	23/11/2018	Workshop Descriptions and Learning Objectives	Stonewall	Edinburgh