CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 21 September 2005

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillor Present: John McGuinness

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, David Watson

Attending:

S Abbott; Administration Assistant; L Cunningham, Member Services Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

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 24 August 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 14 September 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 by Councillors Carlin and J Docherty at the National Association of Councillors' Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in Scarborough from 28 to 30 October 2005; and
- (2) that the Council be not represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Serr (a)	ninar or Conference Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO): "Funding and Support for Rural Services"	Date and Venue 26 and 27 September 2005 Inverurie
(b)	Scottish Executive/Scottish Information Commissioner: "Freedom of Information in Scotland - Public Organisations Learning from the First Year's Experience"	3 October 2005 Edinburgh

Sem i (c)	nar or Conference Holyrood Communications: "Regenerating Scotland - Partnerships for Communities"	Date and Venue 4 October 2005 Edinburgh
(d)	Shelter Scotland: "Using the Planning System to Secure More Affordable Housing for Scotland"	10 October 2005 Edinburgh
(e)	Strathclyde Police: "Partners in Crime? New Relationships in the Criminal Justice System"	13 October 2005 Glasgow
(f)	Neil Stewart Associates: "Reaching the Hardest to Reach"	19 October 2005 London
(g)	Children in Scotland/COSLA: "Healthy Sexual Attitudes"	19 October 2005 Dundee
(h)	Holyrood Communications: "Young People's Mental Well-being"	24 October 2005 Edinburgh
(i)	MacKay Hannah Limited: "Rewiring the Scottish Public Sector - Modernising Services, Efficiency and Effectiveness"	24 October 2005 Edinburgh
(j)	Shelter Scotland: "Affordable Housing for Rural Communities"	28 October 2005 Castle Douglas
(k)	The Guardian: "Diversity in Practice"	31 October 2005 London
(I)	Faculty of Public Health Scottish Affairs Committee: "Improving Health in Scotland - Overcoming the Challenges of Geography"	10 and 11 November 2005 Aberdeen
(m)	Neil Stewart Associates: Annual Youth Justice Convention 2005	16 and 17 November 2005 London
(n)	Economic Development Association (Scotland) (EDAS): 6 th Annual EDAS Conference	25 November 2005 Edinburgh
(o)	Scottish Information Commissioner/Holyrood Communications: Freedom of Information 2 nd Annual Conference	12 December 2005 Edinburgh

4 Urgent Business There were no items of urgent business.