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Report to:Conference Allocation CommitteeDate of Meeting:10 October 2017Report by:Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Elected Member Representation at Conferences Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the attendance of Councillor Brogan at the COSLA and Improvement Service (IS) Annual Conference and Exhibition 2017 – "Tomorrow's World".

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the attendance of Councillor Brogan at the COSLA and Improvement Service (IS) Annual Conference and Exhibition 2017 – "Tomorrow's World" held in Crieff on the 5 and 6 October 2017, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. At its meeting on 15 August 2017, the Committee had considered from the Approved List of conference providers that representation at the COSLA and Improvement Service (IS) Annual Conference and Exhibition 2017 – "Tomorrow's World" and had agreed that the Council should be represented by Councillor Ross. In light of further nominations to attend the conference, the Chair, in terms of Standing Order No 17, decided that representation at the conference should be given further consideration.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. Delegate fees associated with members' attendance at this conference can be met from within the existing budget.

6. Other Implications

6.1. Attendance at conferences contributes to individual member's 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. Equality 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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3 October 2017

Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives

• Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

• Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, seminars, etc

Contact for Further Information

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