

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 19 November 2019

Chair:

Councillor Peter Craig

Councillors Present:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Kenny McCreary

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute)

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

L Cunningham, Members' Services Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Councillor McCreary to his first meeting of the Committee.

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 10 September 2019 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 Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)

A report dated 11 November 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted 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 member attendance at 4 conferences.

The Committee decided: 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 member attendance at the following 4 conferences, be noted:-

- ♦ Councillor Donnelly at the "Domestic Abuse as a Housing Issue" conference organised by Women's Aid held in Edinburgh on 6 November 2019

- ♦ Councillors Nailon and Scott at the “Changing Scottish Charity Law: What is the Scottish Government Proposing and What More is Possible?” conference organised by McKay Hannah held in Edinburgh on 7 November 2019
- ♦ Councillor Chalmers at the “Scottish Soft Facilities Management Seminar 2019” conference organised by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) to take place in Bellshill on 19 November 2019
- ♦ Councillor Falconer at the “Addressing Family Poverty/Children’s Services” and National AGM conference organised by the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to take place in Chester between 22 and 24 November 2019

4 Item of Urgent Business – Elected Member Representation at Conferences – Late Notice of Additional Conference

In view of the requirement to deal with this matter and to allow arrangements for elected member representation to be made in advance of the date of the conference, the Chair decided, in terms of Standing Order No 4, that consideration be given to member representation as a matter of urgency at the “From Battered Wives to Coercive Control – Some Lessons From History: Domestic Abuse in Post-War Scotland” conference organised by Women’s Aid to be held in Edinburgh on 28 November 2019.

The Committee decided:

that the Council be represented by Councillors Donnelly and McGavigan at the “From Battered Wives to Coercive Control – Some Lessons from History: Domestic Abuse in Post-War Scotland” conference organised by Women’s Aid to be held in Edinburgh on 28 November 2019.