

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 20 February 2008

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

Anne Maggs, Michael McCann, Alex McInnes, John Murray, David Watson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S Abbott, Administration Assistant; P Dickson, Research and Information Assistant; L Cunningham, Member Services Manager

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 23 January 2008 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 13 February 2008 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 Councillor Murray at the National Community Safety Convention 2008 organised by the Scottish Government to take place in Aviemore on 10 and 11 March 2008; and
- (2) that the Council be not represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference

Date and Venue

(a) University of Strathclyde: "Integrating Services for Children and Families"

4 March 2008
Glasgow

(b) Glasgow City Council: "Data Protection"

7 March 2008
Glasgow

(c) University of Strathclyde: "Generating Alternatives – Youth Participation and Democracy"

11 to 14 September 2008
Glasgow

4 Elected Member Representation at Conference Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)

A report dated 13 February 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) in view of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve member attendance at the National Discussion Conference on the Planning Framework 2: Discussion Draft and Associated Documents.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the attendance of Councillor Holman at the National Discussion Conference on the Planning Framework 2: Discussion Draft and Associated Documents organised by the Scottish Government held in Glasgow on 15 February 2008, be noted.

5 Item of Urgent Business – Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc – Late Notice of Additional Conference

In view of the requirement to deal with this matter to allow arrangements for 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 “European Serious Organised Crime” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in Liverpool from 4 to 6 March 2008

The Committee decided: that the Council be represented by Councillors Docherty and McCann at the “European Serious Organised Crime” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in Liverpool from 4 to 6 March 2008.