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Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 June 2005
Report by:	Executive Director (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 various conferences and seminars which the Council has been invited to attend to allow elected member representation to be determined.
- ♦ to advise 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 the attendance of Councillor Falconer at the:-
 - ♦ “Citizen, Scrutiny and Public Governance” conference organised by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CFPS) held in London on 23 June 2005
 - ♦ “Power to the People: Will the Green Paper Deliver?” conference organised by Community Care and Pavilion held in London on 27 June 2005

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to:-

- (1) consider the invitations received for the various conferences and seminars listed in the appendix to this report and decide on which elected members should attend particular conferences/seminars, etc if it is considered appropriate for the Council to be represented; and
- (2) note the action taken under Standing Order No 36(c) to approve the attendance of Councillor Falconer at the following conferences:-
 - ♦ “Citizen, Scrutiny and Public Governance” conference organised by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CFPS) held in London on 23 June 2005
 - ♦ “Power to the People: Will the Green Paper Deliver?” conference organised by Community Care and Pavilion held in London on 27 June 2005

3. Background

3.1. Invitations have been received in respect of the various conferences, seminars, etc contained in the list attached to this report. In accordance with agreed procedures for dealing with conferences, etc, details of the conferences and seminars have been issued to the Chairs of the appropriate Committees and to the Leader of the Opposition Groups. Their comments are available to assist the Conference Allocation Committee with its consideration of particular invitations.

4. “Citizens, Scrutiny and Public Governance” and “Power to the People: Will the Green Paper Deliver?” Conferences

4.1. In view of the requirement to make arrangements in advance of this meeting and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, approved the attendance of Councillor Falconer at the following conferences:-

- ◆ “Citizens, Scrutiny and Public Governance” conference organised by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CFPS) held in London on 23 June 2005
- ◆ “Power to the People: Will the Green Paper Deliver?” conference organised by Community Care and Pavilion held in London on 27 June 2005

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. Delegate fees associated with members’ attendance at those conferences, etc, at which it is considered that the Council should be represented, can be met from within the existing budget.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no other implications for the Council associated with this report.

8. Consultation

8.1. 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 (Corporate Resources)

22 June 2005

Link(s) to Council Objectives

Managing Resources

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, seminars, etc

Contact for Further Information

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE – 29 JUNE 2005

List of Conferences, Seminars, etc

	Start Date	End Date	Conference Title	Organiser(s)	Venue(s)
1	12/07/2005	12/07/2005	Building an Integrated Society - Delivering Good Race Relations	Commission for Racial Equality	London
2	13/07/2005	13/07/2005	Transforming the NHS in Scotland: Is It Making a Difference?	GateHouse	Edinburgh
3	12/09/2005	13/09/2005	56th Annual Conference	Scottish Accident Prevention Council	Crieff
4	29/09/2005	29/09/2005	Modernising Transport - Integrated and Effective Delivery	GovNet Events	London