

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 7 May 2008

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

Michael McCann (Depute), Alex McInnes, John Murray, David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Anne Maggs

Attending:

Corporate Resources

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 9 April 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 30 April 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 at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(a) National Association of Councillors (NAC): Equality and Opportunity Conference	6 to 8 June 2008 Cardiff	Councillors Docherty and McInnes
(b) Holyrood Conference and Events: "Taking Stock – Scotland's Planning System in 2008"	16 June 2008 Edinburgh	Councillors Ross-Taylor and Scott

(2) that the Council be not represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) The Scottish Government: "Infrastructure Investment in Scotland"	20 and 21 May 2008 Edinburgh
(b) Shelter: "The Scottish Housing Bubble"	22 May 2008 Edinburgh

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

A report dated 30 April 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 "Scottish Transport Applications and Research" conference.

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 Murray at the "Scottish Transport Applications and Research" conference organised by PTRC Education and Research Services Limited held in Glasgow on 24 April 2008, be noted.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.