

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

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

Attending:

Corporate Resources

S Abbott, Administration 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 7 May 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 28 May 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted providing details on various conferences and seminars which the Council had been invited to attend.

At its meeting on 7 May 2008, the Committee had agreed that the Council be represented by Councillors Scott and Ross-Taylor at the "Taking Stock – Scotland's Planning System in 2008" conference organised by Holyrood Conference and Events to be held in Edinburgh on 16 June 2008. However, in light of additional information received on the content of the programme, the Chair, in terms of Standing Order No 17, decided that further consideration be given to additional representation at the conference.

The Committee decided:

(1) that the Council be represented at the following conferences and seminars:-

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(a) Electoral Reform Society (ERS): "STV One Year On"	12 June 2008 Edinburgh	Councillor Watson
(b) Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care (SIRCC): National Conference	12 and 13 June 2008 Perth	Councillor Smith

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(c) Holyrood Events: "Funding Scotland – New Choices, New Challenges"	23 June 2008 Edinburgh	Councillor Sutherland
(d) Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE): "Urban Development, Regeneration and Finance"	27 to 29 August 2008 Belfast	Councillor Thompson

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) IDOX Information Services Limited: "SPEL Conference 2008"	11 June 2008 Edinburgh
(b) Faculty of Public Health: "Public Health in Scotland 2008 – Annual Conference"	13 and 14 November 2008

(3) that the Council be also represented by Councillor J Wardhaugh at the "Taking Stock – Scotland's Planning System in 2008" conference organised by Holyrood Conference and Events to be held in Edinburgh on 16 June 2008.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 May 2008 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.