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Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 November 2004
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 Morgan at the Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children - Information Sharing, Systems and Solutions Conference organised by the Social Services Research Group (SSRG) held in Stirling on 15 November 2004.

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 Morgan at the Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children - Information Sharing, Systems and Solutions Conference organised by the Social Services Research Group (SSRG) held in Stirling on 15 November 2004.

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 Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children – Information Sharing, Systems and Solutions Conference

- 4.1 In view of the requirements 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 Morgan at the Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Children – Information Sharing, Systems and Solutions Conference organised by the Social Services Research Group (SSRG) held in Stirling on 15 November 2004.

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)

10 November 2004

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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CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2004

List of Conferences, Seminars, etc

	Start Date	End Date	Conference Title	Organiser(s)	Venue(s)
1	24/11/2004	24/11/2004	Domestic Abuse in Scotland Changes in Perception and Practice	Scottish Women's Aid	Crieff
2	26/11/2004	26/11/2004	Tramspotting	Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland; Hays Montrose Architects	Edinburgh
3	30/11/2004	30/11/2004	Minimum Rights for Hostel Dwellers: The Long Awaited Framework for Reform	Shelter	Glasgow
4	02/12/2004	02/12/2004	Alcohol Focus Scotland Licensing Conference	Alcohol Focus Scotland	Glasgow
5	03/12/2004	03/12/2004	The Future for Scottish Local Government - Scottish Councils - Excellence Accountability and Community Leadership	McKay Hannah Ltd; Napier University	Edinburgh
6	06/12/2004	06/12/2004	Equality and Fairness - Establishing the Commission for Equality and Human Rights	QMW Public Policy	London
7	07/12/2004	07/12/2004	Creating Good Corporate Governance	Local Government Information Unit (LGIU)	London
8	08/12/2004	09/12/2004	Promoting and Managing Growth	Association of Town Centre Managers (ATCM)	London
9	09/12/2004	09/12/2004	The Future of Rural Development	Arkleton Institute for Rural Development Research	Aberdeen
10	13/12/2004	13/12/2004	Banning Smoking in Public Places in Scotland?	MacKay Hannah; Napier University	Edinburgh
11	15/12/2004	15/12/2004	Building the Extended Policing Family - Partnerships for Improving Community	Neil Stewart Associates; Crime Stoppers; Crime Concern	London
12	17/01/2005	17/01/2005	Housing in the Community Developing Solutions for Scotland	Holyrood Conferences and Events	Edinburgh
13	24/01/2005	24/01/2005	Youth Justice - Co-operative Solutions to Offending	SACRO	Edinburgh
14	24/01/2005	25/01/2005	The Young People and Health Conference	YouthLink Scotland; NHS Health Scotland;	Glasgow
15	26/01/2005	26/01/2005	Developing Effective Ways of Working to Tackle Anti-social Behaviour	Local Government Chronicle (LGC)	London
16	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	Health in Scotland Explained - Cancer Policy in Scotland Explained	Holyrood Conferences and Events	Edinburgh