

# CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 23 August 2006

**Chair:**

Councillor Jim Docherty

**Councillors Present:**

John McGuinness, David Watson

**Councillor's Apology:**

Jim Daisley

**Attending:**

**Corporate Resources**

S Abbott, L Ballantyne and L Wyllie, Administration Assistants

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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The minutes of the meeting of the Conference Allocation Committee held on 28 June 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc

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A report dated 16 August 2006 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) VOCAL: Annual Conference 2006	31 August and 1 September 2006 Carnoustie	Councillor Maggs
(b) Holyrood Events: "Making Coalitions Work"	8 September 2006 Edinburgh	Councillor Buchanan
(c) Neil Stewart Associates: "Shared Services in Local Government"	21 September 2006 London	Councillors Crawford and McNab

<b>Seminar or Conference</b>	<b>Date and Venue</b>	<b>Representation</b>
(d) Institute of Local Government Studies: "Developing Tenant Participation and Collaborative Working – What Next?"	3 October 2006 Birmingham	Councillors Carlin and J Docherty
(e) Society of Personnel Directors Scotland: Annual Conference	1 to 3 November 2006 St Andrews	Councillors W Ross and Watters
(f) Scottish Pre-school Play Association (SPPA): "Early Years Learning Years"	10 November 2006 Glenrothes	Councillors Morgan and Mary Smith
(g) Neil Stewart Associates: "Race Convention 2006 – A Catalyst for Change"	27 and 28 November 2006 London	Councillors Carlin and A McInnes

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

<b>Seminar or Conference</b>	<b>Date and Venue</b>
(a) Local Government Chronicle: "Public Sector Pension Fund Investment Seminar 2006"	31 August and 1 September 2006 Southampton
(b) Greenspace Scotland: "Greenspace - Doing It in the Mainstream"	6 September 2006 Edinburgh
(c) Heriot Watt University: "How to Deliver Triple Bottom Lines – Route Maps for Social Entrepreneurs"	8 September 2006 Edinburgh
(d) MacKay Hannah: "Young People and Substance Misuse in Scotland"	12 September 2006 Edinburgh
(e) Men's Health Forum Scotland: "Men's Health is Everything"	19 September 2006 Glasgow
(f) Neil Stewart Associates: "Successful Employment and Resettlement of Ex-offenders"	21 September 2006 London
(g) Scottish Housing and Support Conference (SHASC): Annual Conference 2006	5 and 6 October 2006 Dunblane
(h) Neil Stewart Associates: "Guaranteeing Dignity and Well Being for Older People"	10 October 2006 London

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

A report dated 3 August 2006 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 a number of conferences.

**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 member attendance at the following conferences, be noted:-

- ◆ Councillors Carlin and Keirs at “The Future of Criminal Justice” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates held in London on 6 July 2006
- ◆ Councillor Falconer at the “How can Regeneration Deliver Race Equality? Learning from London” conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates held in London on 6 July 2006
- ◆ Provost Ahmad at the Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community organised by Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK held in Hampshire from 28 to 30 July 2006

*[Reference: Minutes of 31 May 2006 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## **5 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.