

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 1 June 2005

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

John McGuinness, David Watson

Councillor's Apology:

Jim Daisley

Attending:

S Abbott and L Ballantyne, Administration Assistants

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 4 May 2005 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 25 May 2005 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 4 May 2005, the Committee had agreed that the Council should not be represented at the "Raising the Standard" conference organised by the Chartered Institute of Wastes Management to be held in Torbay from 14 to 17 June 2005. However, in light of additional information received on the content of the programme, the Chair, in terms of Standing Order No 17, had decided that further consideration be given to 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) National Association of Councillors (NAC): General Management Committee	18 and 19 June 2005 London	Councillors Carlin and J Docherty

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue	Representation
(b) Neil Stewart Associates: “Changing the Way Local Crime Reduction Works – Joining Up National Priorities and Local Action”	23 June 2005 London	Councillors Crawford and McNab
(c) The Cremation Society of Great Britain: 2005 Cremation Conference	13 to 15 July 2005 Torquay	Councillors J Docherty and Lowe
(d) Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS): Annual Conference	24 and 25 August 2005 Edinburgh	Councillor McAlpine
(e) Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO): “Scottish Rural Services Conference 2005 – Funding and Support for Rural Services”	26 and 27 September 2005 Inverurie	Councillors Logan, McAlpine and C Thompson
(f) Local Government Chronicle (LGC): “Children and Young People Plan – Sharing Best Practice and Developing a Multi-agency Approach to Children’s Services”	28 September 2005 London	Councillors Burns and Mary Smith

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

Seminar or Conference	Date and Venue
(a) Scottish Executive: “Financial Inclusion Forum”	6 June 2005 Glasgow
(b) MacKay Hannah/Napier University: “Tackling Public and Private Sector Business Crime in Scotland”	7 June 2005 Edinburgh
(c) Holyrood Conferences and Events: “Disability Rights – Implementing the DDA”	13 June 2005 Glasgow
(d) Atlas Partnership: “Asylum Matters for Scotland – Working Better with Asylum Seekers”	15 June 2005 Glasgow
(e) Scottish Women’s Aid/Crown Office/Procurator Fiscal Service: “Tackling Domestic Abuse in Scotland”	21 June 2005 Glasgow
(f) Materials Recycling Week (MRW): “Delivering an Integrated Waste Management Strategy”	28 June 2005 London
(g) National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)/Neil Stewart Associates: 3 rd Annual Child Protection Conference	29 June 2005 London

Seminar or Conference**Representation**

- (h) GateHouse/Community Care/National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)/The Children's Society: "The Children Act – Is It Making A Difference?"

5 July 2005
London

- (i) Emergency Planning Society, Scottish Branch: "Autumn Conference – Preparing to Recover"

15 and 16 September
2005
Carnoustie

- (3) that the Council be represented by Councillors Convery, Hughes and Maggs at the "Raising the Standard" conference organised by the Chartered Institute of Wastes Management (CIWM) to be held in Torbay from 14 to 17 June 2005.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 May 2005 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.