

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 November 2008

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillors Present:

Anne Maggs, Michael McCann (Depute), 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 1 October 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 5 November 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): "Improving Services – Delivering Best Practice"	14 to 16 November 2008 St Annes	Councillors Lowe, Manson and McInnes
(b) Shelter: "A New Housing Bill for Scotland – What Does the Housing Sector Want?"	1 December 2008 Edinburgh	Councillor Douglas
(c) Holyrood Events: "The Scottish Local Government Concordat – One Year Progress Report"	26 January 2009 Edinburgh	Councillor Maggs

- (2) that the Council be not represented at the “A Practical Guide to Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults” conference organised by Healthcare Events to be held in Manchester on 3 December 2008.

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

A report dated 5 November 2008 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because 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 4 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:-

- ◆ Councillor Horne at the “Twelve Ways to Help You Manage Your Budget and Reduce Spend” conference organised by MacKay Hannah Limited held in Edinburgh on 28 October 2008
- ◆ Councillor Smith at the Children in Scotland’s Annual Conference “Making Connections” held in St Andrews on 6 and 7 November 2008
- ◆ Councillor Ross-Taylor at the “Planning: Strategic Development, Growth and Economic Challenge” conference organised by MacKay Hannah Limited/ Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) held in Edinburgh on 7 November 2008
- ◆ Councillor D McKenna at the Society of Personnel Directors Scotland Annual Conference held in St Andrews from 7 to 9 November 2008

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.