

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 10 October 2017

Chair:

Councillor Peter Craig

Councillors Present:

Walter Brogan, Maureen Devlin

Councillors' Apologies:

Stephanie Callaghan, Maureen Chalmers, Mark McGeever

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

S Abbott, Administration Assistant; L Cunningham, Members' 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 12 September 2017 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 4 October 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing details of conferences/seminars which the Council had been invited to attend.

The Committee decided:

- (1)** that the Council be represented by Councillor McGavigan at the "Firm Foundations 10 Years On – What is the Future of Housing in Scotland?" conference organised by Homes for Scotland to take place in Edinburgh on 1 November 2017;
- (2)** that consideration of attendance at the following conferences be continued to the next meeting of this Committee to allow additional information to be provided on whether:-
 - ♦ an alternative conference, with more relevance to Scotland, could be sourced to the "Improving Hospital Discharge and Reducing Delayed Transfers of Care in Your Area" conference organised by Westminster Briefing to be held in London on 29 November 2017
 - ♦ the Council's Licensing and Registration Service could provide similar in-house training to the "New Licensing Boards – New Law – New Policies – New Challenges" conference organised by the Scottish Licensing Law and Practice to be held in Glasgow on 1 December 2017

- (3) that the Council be not represented at the National Association of Councillors (NAC) AGM and Conference – Emergency Services/Emergency Planning to be held in Glasgow on 3 to 5 November 2017.

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

A report dated 3 October 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve member attendance at the COSLA Annual Conference “Tomorrow’s World” held in Crieff on 5 and 6 October 2017.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the attendance of Councillor Brogan at the COSLA Annual Conference “Tomorrow’s World” held in Crieff on 5 and 6 October 2017, be noted.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.