



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Friday, 26 May 2023

Dear Councillor

Conference Allocation Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Tuesday, 06 June 2023
Time: 09:30
Venue: By Microsoft Teams and Committee Room 5,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Gerry Convery (Chair), Maureen Devlin (Depute Chair), Maureen Chalmers, Mark Horsham, Ross Lambie, Kirsten Robb

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Conference Allocation Committee held on 9 May 2023 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

3 Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc

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Report dated 24 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

4 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

For further information, please contact:-

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CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via MS Teams and in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 9 May 2023

Chair:

Councillor Gerry Convery

Councillors Present:

Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Ross Lambie, Councillor Kirsten Robb

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Maureen Devlin (Depute)

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

M Greenwood, Members' Services Manager; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

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 24 January 2023 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 28 April 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing details on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) Annual Conference and Exhibition to take place on 28 and 29 September 2023 in Crieff, which the Council had been invited to attend.

The Committee decided: that the nomination of up to 6 delegates to attend the COSLA Annual Conference and Exhibition, to take place on 28 and 29 September 2023 in Crieff, be approved, with Business Managers to nominate delegate(s) from each party.

4 Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 37(c)

A report dated 3 April 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 37(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 a conference.

The Committee decided:

that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 37(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the attendance of Councillors Donnelly and Falconer at the “Mental Health and Wellbeing” conference organised by the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to be held in Scarborough from 14 to 16 April 2023, be noted.

Report

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Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 June 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and 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 the “Sustainability of Local and Regional Transport” conference organised by the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to take place between 23 and 25 June 2023 in Southport, which the Council has been invited to attend to allow elected member representation to be determined

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to:-

- (1) approve the attendance of Councillors Donnelly and Falconer at the “Sustainability of Local and Regional Transport” conference organised by the National Association of Councillors (NAC) to take place between 23 and 25 June 2023 in Southport.

3. Background

- 3.1. In accordance with procedures, details of the conference have been issued to the Leaders of the Political Groups. Their comments are available to assist the Conference Allocation Committee with its consideration of particular invitations.
- 3.2. Councillors Donnelly and Falconer, as representatives on the National Association of Councillors, have been invited to attend this conference and have expressed an interest in attending. The cost of attending this conference is £350.00 per person.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Delegate fees associated with members’ attendance at conferences can be met from within the existing budget.
- 5.2. The annual budget for attendance at Conferences and associated travel, subsistence and accommodation is £9,000, actual spend to date is £2,080 leaving a remaining balance of £6,920.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 Attendance at conferences contributes to individual members' learning and development profiles. In terms of good governance, it is important that elected members have the opportunity to attend events which keep them briefed on current developments and reinforce the knowledge and skills required to enable them to fulfil their role.
- 7.2 There are no other implications in terms of risk or sustainability associated with the content of this report.

8 Equalities Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1 There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 8.2 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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

24 May 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, etc

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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