

## CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 9 February 2005

**Chair:**

Councillor Jim Daisley

**Councillor Present:**

John McGuinness

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Jim Docherty, David Watson

**Attending:**

S Abbott and L Ballantyne, Administration Assistants

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### Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 5(b), Councillor Daisley was appointed Chair for this meeting.

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Conference Allocation Committee held on 15 December 2004 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

A report dated 2 February 2005 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) Holyrood Conferences and Events: "Services in the Community – Planning for a Sustainable Scotland"	21 February 2005 Edinburgh	Councillor Casserly

<b>Seminar or Conference</b>	<b>Date and Venue</b>	<b>Representation</b>
(b) National Association of Councillors (NAC): "Energy and Transport Conference"	25 to 27 February 2005 Glasgow	Councillor Osborne
(c) Neil Stewart Associates: "Good Governance in Public Services – Securing Public Value and the Public Interest!"	28 February 2005 London	Councillors Carlin and McCann
(d) Commonwealth Local Government Forum: "Conference 2005"	15 to 17 March 2005 Aberdeen	Councillor Scott
(e) 4Children: "13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Creating Opportunities, Building Futures"	17 and 18 March 2005 London	Councillors J Docherty and McCann
(f) Neil Stewart Associates: "Community Cohesion 2005 and Beyond"	5 April 2005 London	Provost Ahmad

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

<b>Seminar or Conference</b>	<b>Date and Venue</b>
(a) NHS Scotland: "Linking Education and Sexual Health Services"	10 February 2005 Stirling
(b) Neil Stewart Associates: "Virtuous Circles of Care – Streamlining Inspection for Looked After Children"	10 February 2005 London
(c) Neil Stewart Associates/Help the Aged/Hanover Housing Association: "Meeting Changing Care and Housing Needs – Independence not Dependence for Older People"	24 February 2005 London
(d) National Playing Fields Association Scotland: "Where Do We Go From Here? The Loss of Open Space and Why We Should Really Care"	11 March 2005 Lanark

#### **4 Item of Urgent Business – Elected Member Representation at Conferences, etc – Late Notice of Additional Conference**

In view of the requirement to deal with this matter to allow arrangements for member representation to be made in advance of the date of the conference, the Chair decided, in terms of Standing Order No 4, that consideration be given to member representation as a matter of urgency at the "Bad Behaviour in School – Reducing Violence and Tackling Truancy" conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 22 February 2005.

**The Committee decided:** that the Council be represented by Councillor Burns at the "Bad Behaviour in School – Reducing Violence and

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Tackling Truancy" conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates to be held in London on 22 February 2005.