

CONFERENCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 31 May 2006

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty

Councillor Present:

David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, John McGuinness

Attending:

Corporate Resources

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 2 May 2006 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 24 May 2006 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 |
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| (a) Neil Stewart Associates: "The Disability Equality Duty - What Does it Mean for the Housing Sector?" | 6 June 2006 London | Councillor Carlin |
| (b) Neil Stewart Associates: 4 th Annual Youth Justice Conference | 22 June 2006 Edinburgh | Councillor Mary Smith |

| Seminar or Conference | Date and Venue | Representation |
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| (c) Neil Stewart Associates: "The Future of Criminal Justice - Linking Voluntary, Public and Private Sectors in Offender Management" | 6 July 2006 London | Councillors J Docherty and A McInnes |
| (d) Robert Gordon University: 9 th UK Chairs of Transport Conference | 19 July 2006 London | Councillor McCann |

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

| Seminar or Conference | Date and Venue |
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| (a) Neil Stewart Associates: "The Disability Equality Duty - What Does it Mean for You?" | 5 June 2006 Stirling |
| (b) Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM): "Summer School 2006 - Putting you in the Driving Seat" | 7 and 8 June 2006 Birmingham |
| (c) Neil Stewart Associates: "University Funding and the Built Estate – Delivering Tomorrow's Learning Environments Today" | 12 June 2006 London |
| (d) Social Services Research Group (SSRG): "New Directions in Social Care – Policy, Partnerships and Performance" | 12 and 13 June 2006 Stirling |
| (e) VOCAL: "Culture – Service and Delivery" | 14 June 2006 Stirling |
| (f) Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health (SDC): "Small Change, Big Impact" | 14 June 2006 Edinburgh |
| (g) Centre for Social and Economic Inclusion: Welfare to Work Convention 2006 | 19 and 20 June 2006 Birmingham |
| (h) Neil Stewart Associates: "Building Tomorrow's Communities" | 21 and 22 June 2006 Birmingham |
| (i) Neil Stewart Associates: "Student Complaints in Higher Education – Ensuring Student Satisfaction through Prevention and Early Intervention" | 22 June 2006 London |
| (j) Neil Stewart Associates: "Three Sector Summit – Solutions for User-Led Services" | 22 June 2006 London |
| (k) Neil Stewart Associates: "Empowering People Back to Work – Engaging the Health Sector to Support Employees" | 29 June 2006 London |
| (l) Neil Stewart Associates: "New Directions in Business, Management and Professional Education – Trends and | 29 June 2006 London |

Challenges”

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| (m) Neil Stewart Associates: “How can Regeneration Deliver Race Equality?” | 6 July 2006 London |
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Seminar or Conference

Date and Venue

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| (n) Children in Scotland: “An Appetite for Life? Young Children, Food and Eating” | 25 August 2006 Dunfermline |
| (o) University of Strathclyde: “International Conference on Young People – Risk, Resilience and Resistance” | 7 to 10 September 2006 Glasgow |
| (p) NHS Scotland: “Delivering Healthy Public Policy – The Next Steps” | 16 and 17 November 2006 Peebles |

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

A report dated 24 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) in view 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 a conference.

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 the attendance of Councillor Falconer at the “Arts in the UK” conference organised by the Centre for Public Policy Seminars (CPPS) held in London on 22 May 2006, be noted.

5 Urgent Business – Late Notice of Additional Conference

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Chair decided, in view of the timescales involved, that consideration be given to the following report as a matter of urgency.

A report dated 26 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was tabled on representation at the “Women Networking with Purpose” conference organised by the National Association of Councillors to be held in Glasgow from 16 to 18 June 2006.

The Committee decided: that the Council be represented by Councillor Osborne at the “Women Networking with Purpose” conference organised by the National Association of Councillors to be held in Glasgow from 16 to 18 June 2006.