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Report to:	<b>Conference Allocation Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>28 August 2018</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Improvement Service - Workshop Programme for Elected Members 2018/2019</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the participation of elected members from South Lanarkshire Council in the Elected Member Workshop Programme 2018/2019 being held by the Improvement Service.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that elected member attendance at the Improvement Service workshops is endorsed.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Improvement Service (IS) has developed an Elected Member Workshop Programme to engage with elected members on current issues relevant to Scottish local government.

3.2. The series will explore in depth the key issues and challenges confronting local government over the next period. The modules will be led by the IS team and each will operate on a highly discursive and interactive basis with participants.

## 4. Masterclass Series Programme

4.1. Details on the programme of workshops were circulated to each elected member by the Improvement Service inviting them to register. The various workshops on offer are as follows:-

4.1.1. **Community Participation** – This workshop is co-facilitated between the Improvement Service and the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC).

This workshop will explore why Community Participation is so important, showcase good practice and look at the role of elected members in ensuring Community Participation is key to local decision making.

4.1.2. **Scrutiny** – The workshop will explore the purpose of scrutiny, what effective scrutiny looks like and what power scrutiny has. The afternoon will focus on some of the key skills elected members need to demonstrate to carry out their scrutiny role effectively.

- 4.1.3. **Public Health** – The workshop will be facilitated by members of the Public Health Reform team.

Scottish Government and COSLA public health reform programme aims to deliver transformational change in the public's health. This workshop for elected members will focus on developing awareness and understanding of the reform programme and the role of local government, reflecting the important contribution of local government to improving the public's health across a range of functions including economic development, planning, housing and environmental health.

- 4.1.4. **Place Making** – This workshop will explore the concept of Place-making as an approach for the planning, design and management of public spaces. Place-making helps to create spaces that promote the health, wellbeing and happiness of those that live and work in those spaces.

- 4.1.5. **Inclusive Growth** – This workshop will be facilitated by Dr Andrew McGuire, Improvement Service.

This workshop will explore practical approaches to operationalising “Inclusive Growth” objectives. Exploring the design and delivery of effective interventions and ways of working that improve economic outcomes and lead to a wider range of sustainable improvements in key outcome areas.

- 4.2. The workshops will be held in council venues across Scotland and the various dates and venues on offer are detailed in the appendix to this report.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. None.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Participation in the workshop sessions is free of charge. However, there will be a cost associated with meeting participants' travel costs.

## **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **8. Equality 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 attendances at conferences, etc., no formal consultation was required.

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15 August 2018

**Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values**

- ◆ People focused
- ◆ Accountable, effective and efficient

**Previous References**

None

**List of Background Papers**

Improvement Service Elected Member Workshop Programme 2017/2018

**Contact for Further Information**

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

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<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
Community Participation	Clackmannanshire Council, Alloa	Friday 2 November 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	Dundee City Council, Dundee	Wednesday 17 October 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	South Lanarkshire Council, Hamilton	Wednesday 3 October 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
Scrutiny	Fife Council, Kirkcaldy	Friday 23 November 2018 10.00am – 2.30pm
	Glasgow City Council, Glasgow	Friday 5 October 2018 10.00am – 2.30pm
	West Lothian Council, Livingston	Tuesday 29 January 2019 10.00am – 2.30pm
Public Health	Falkirk Council, Falkirk	Tuesday 30 October 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	Angus Council, Angus	Wednesday 23 January 2019 10.00am – 1.00pm
Place Making	Perth & Kinross Council, Perth	Tuesday 6 November 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	East Renfrewshire Council	Tuesday 18 September 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	West Dunbarton Council	West 13 November 2018 10.00pm – 1.00pm
	Highland Council	Monday 26 November 2018 10.00am-1.00pm
Inclusive Growth	Stirling Council, Stirling	Tuesday 22 January 2019 10.00am – 1.00pm
	North Ayrshire Council, Irvine	Monday 12 November 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm
	Aberdeenshire Council	TBC