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Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	2 June 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Elected Member Representation at Conferences Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise 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 various conferences.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) 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 attendance at the following conferences, be noted:-

- ◆ Councillor Falconer at the “Domestic Violence Conference – Prevention, Provision and Protection” organised by CAPITA held in London on 26 April 2010
- ◆ John Hannah, church representative on the Education Resources Committee, at the National Conference organised by the Catholic Headteachers’ Association of Scotland held in Crieff on 6 and 7 May 2010
- ◆ John Hannah and Rev Lynsey Ross, church representatives on the Education Resources Committee, at the 2010 Spring Conference organised by the Church of Scotland to be held in Edinburgh on 2 June 2010

3. Background

3.1. Invitations had been received in respect of various conferences which were scheduled to take place on or before the date of this meeting of the Committee. To allow the necessary arrangements to be made and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member approved the attendance of members as follows:-

- ◆ Councillor Falconer at the “Domestic Violence Conference – Prevention, Provision and Protection” organised by CAPITA held in London on 26 April 2010
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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.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. 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 fulfill their role.

There are no other implications associated with the content of this report.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 7.2. 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.

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Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

26 May 2010

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Invitations received in respect of individual conferences, seminars, etc

Contact for Further Information

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