

Report

Report to:	Conference Allocation Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 August 2022
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 option to purchase the recording of the online conference “The New National Care Service Bill: What’s In It, What Do You Need to Know?” organised by MacKay Hannah on 6 September 2022

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to:-

- (1) approve the purchase of the recording of the conference “The New National Care Service Bill: What’s In It, What Do You Need to Know?” organised by MacKay Hannah to allow Councillor Nelson and all other elected members the opportunity to view the recording of the conference.

3. Background

- 3.1. In accordance with procedures for dealing with conferences, etc details of the conferences, etc 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. Councillor Nelson had expressed an interest in attending this online conference “The New National Care Service Bill: What’s In It, What Do You Need to Know?” organised by MacKay Hannah on 6 September 2022, however, Councillor Nelson was unable to attend, therefore, asked if the Council could purchase the recording to enable himself and other elected members the opportunity to view the conference. The cost to purchase the recording is £90.00.

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 £1,884 leaving a remaining balance of £7,116.

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.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

8 August 2022

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

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