

# Planning Committee

**10:00am, Thursday, 27 February 2014**

## Attendance at Planning in Local Government Event

<b>Item number</b>	9.1
<b>Report number</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	All

### Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	P15
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# Executive summary

## Attendance at Planning in Local Government Event

### Summary

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This report outlines Council representation at the Planning in Local Government event in Newry on 6 March 2014.

Councillor Ian Perry and Councillor Sandy Howat have been invited to speak at the event to share personal experiences of working on a planning committee, the governance arrangements and some of the challenges they have faced from a personal and political level.

The event has been organised on behalf of elected representatives from Northern Ireland who are preparing for the devolution of planning matters from central to local government in 2015.

Councillor Perry and Councillor Howat have been invited as they spoke at an event in September 2013 which was held in Edinburgh and attended by elected representatives from Northern Ireland.

### Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Planning Committee approves the attendance of Councillor Ian Perry and Councillor Sandy Howat at the Planning in Local Government event on 6 March 2014.

### Measures of success

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- Strengthen links with other Councils.
- Share Edinburgh's experience of the local government planning system.
- Learn from others' good practice.

## Financial impact

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There is no fee for attending the event as Councillor Perry and Councillor Howat have been invited as speakers. Transport and accommodation costs will be covered by the event organisers. The Council will be required to meet any additional subsistence costs.

## Equalities impact

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Not applicable.

## Sustainability impact

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Arrangements will be made in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Travel Plan.

## Consultation and engagement

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Not applicable.

## Background reading / external references

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None.

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## Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	P15 - Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprise to promote Edinburgh to investors
<b>Council outcomes</b>	CO19 – Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards.
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	none