

Transport and Environment Committee

10am Tuesday 27 October 2015

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015

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Executive summary

This report outlines Council representation at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015 on 3 November 2015. The theme of the Conference is “Beyond Paris: Climate Change, Systems Change, and the Public Sector” and provides a forum for public sector professionals and stakeholders to discuss sub-national, national and international context of current challenges around action on climate change.

Due to the need to confirm arrangements for attendance at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015, the Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee approved attendance by Councillor Burgess under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 3.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference.

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Recommendations

To note the action taken by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee, in approving attendance by Councillor Burgess at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference in Edinburgh on 3 November 2015 under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 3.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference.

Background

- 2.1 This report outlines Council representation at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference in Edinburgh on 3 November 2015.
- 2.2 The Sustainable Scotland Network supports public sector action on sustainable development, including programmes on climate change and sustainable procurement.

Main report

- 3.1 The Sustainability Scotland Network Conference is the annual event of the association and aims to encourage and enhance greater and more effective collaboration between local authorities and the wider public sector.
- 3.2 The conference will provide delegates with a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences and issues through a variety of policy forums, working groups, projects and events.
- 3.3 The Sustainability Scotland Network is active in supporting public sector action on sustainable development including programmes on climate change and sustainable procurement.
- 3.4 The theme of the conference is 'Beyond Paris: Climate Change, Systems Change, and the Public Sector'. The conference will provide a forum for public sector professionals and stakeholders to explore the challenges and implications for Scottish public sector leadership, policy, partnership and performance with particular relevance to the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (November 30 to December 11, 2015). There will also be opportunities to explore the development of Scotland's climate change proposals and policies.
- 3.5 There will be opportunities to:
 - share experience and good practice with other public sector agencies;
 - promote the city and the expertise available in Edinburgh;
 - strengthen links with other public sector agencies for development and joint activities around sustainability.

Measures of success

- 4.1 Councillor Burgess' attendance at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference in Edinburgh will:
- raise the city's profile
 - prompt Edinburgh's expertise
 - learn from other's good practice
 - strengthen links with other stakeholders and find new partners.

Financial impact

- 5.1 The cost of attendance will be £108. As the event will be held in Glasgow travel costs will negligible and there were no accommodation costs involved. The cost was met from the Projects & Events / Performance & Business Support and Staff Travel Within UK / Performance & Business Support budgets.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no risk, policy, compliance and governance impacts as a consequence of Councilor Burgess attending the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no direct equalities impacts as a result of this report.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Travel arrangements will be made in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Travel Plan.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Attendance at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference will provide the Council with a channel for engaging with various key stakeholders including local and nationally elected member on climate change, sustainable procurement and sustainable development.

Background reading/external references

Sustainable Scotland Network website:

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/>

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015 website:

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/sustainable-scotland-network/events/ssn-conference-2015/>

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