

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 29 MARCH 2006

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE – STV AND THE 2007 SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to invite the Committee to consider appropriate representation at the forthcoming one day conference, “STV and the 2007 Scottish Local Government Elections – What you need to know, being held in Edinburgh on 18 April 2006.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section A (43) of the Council’s Administrative Scheme in relation to advancing well being under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003.

2. Background

- 2.1 The one-day conference is to be held on Tuesday 18 April 2006 in Edinburgh and a copy of the booking Form is attached as **APPENDIX 1**.
- 2.2 The implementation of Single Transferable voting for the Scottish Council Elections in 2007 is a major challenge for everyone involved in the democratic process, and this conference brings together the Deputy Minister and a range of practitioners experienced in STV from difference fields to examine the practical implications leading up to the elections, during elections and after the votes have been counted.
- 2.3 Councillor Hamilton has expressed a wish to attend this conference.

4. The Proposals

- 4.1 That the Committee considers appropriate representation at the “STV and the 2007 Scottish Local Government Elections – What you need to know” one-day conference being held in Edinburgh on Monday 18 April 2006.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The cost of attendance at the conference is £225.00+Vat (£264.37) per delegate.

6. Environmental, Staffing & Sustainability Implications

- 6.1 There are no environmental or sustainability implications associated within this report.

7. Consultations

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on the contents of this report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 That the Committee considers appropriate representation at the “STV and the 2007 Scottish Local Government Elections – What you need to know”, one-day conference in Edinburgh on Tuesday 18 April 2006.

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Background Papers: Conference Programme.