



## **EDUCATION EXECUTIVE**

### **APPOINTED MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

#### **REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION (DEVELOPMENT)**

##### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Education Executive approval for Church appointed member attendance at the Church of Scotland annual Education conference.

##### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Education Executive agrees that the Church appointed members of the Education Executive should be invited to attend the Church of Scotland annual Education conference to be held in Edinburgh on 1-3 September on a non-residential basis.

##### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I</b>	<b>Council Values</b>	Working in partnership
<b>II</b>	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	None.
<b>III</b>	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None.
<b>IV</b>	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	None
<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.  We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities.
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	Costs can be met from within existing Education revenue budgets.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	The matter has not been considered by a PDSP due to the timing of the invitation.

## **VIII Other consultations**

None.

### **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

The Church of Scotland arranges training conferences for all three Church appointed members on every Local Authority in Scotland.

This conference provides an opportunity for professional development in relation to their role on Education committees. The conference touches on the expected role of the representatives, issues they might have to deal with or be aware of, new consultations coming from Scottish Government, Education Scotland, GTCS and SQA and explores the value that appointed members bring to the post. This is also a forum for discussing and sharing experience, expertise and best practice.

The draft programme for the two day event which takes place from 1 to 3 September 2016 is attached for information at appendix 1.

The conference has been advertised as a residential event, but given that West Lothian is within easy commuting distance from the Edinburgh venue which is hosting the event, confirmation of the day rate for delegates has been requested. The residential rate is advised at £300 per person. .

The Church of Scotland has informed the council that if a delegate wishes to attend for less than the full three days, or on a non-residential basis, the costs would be as follows:-

Day 1 - £50

Day 2 - £85

Day 3 - £85

### **E. CONCLUSION**

The Church of Scotland annual Training Conference provides an opportunity for professional development in relation to the role of Church appointed members on Education committees.

### **F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

Nil

Appendices/Attachments: 1

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