

REPORT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – 22 MAY 2019

ATTENDANCE AT THE COSLA CLIMATE ADAPTATION SESSION FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Approve the attendance of an elected member at the COSLA Climate Adaptation Session for Elected Members; and
- 1.2 Nominate an elected member to attend the conference.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 On Wednesday, 19 June, 2019, Glasgow City Council and COSLA will hold an information session for Scottish elected members on climate adaptation. The aim of this session is to support elected members to gain knowledge, communicate and lead local responses to climate adaptation. It will include short contributions from Scottish and International stakeholders, policy guidance and tools, space for discussion and networking with key actors in this field. The date has been set to coincide with the World Forum on Climate Justice being held in the city from June 19 - 22.
- 2.2 This information session supports multi-level and partnership approaches and will include contributions from Scottish Government on national policy and Climate Ready Clyde on the Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for the Glasgow City Region.
- 2.3 It is supported by COSLA's European umbrella body - the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.
- 2.4 This is presented as an excellent opportunity for an elected member to gain knowledge and confidence on this important issue. COSLA and Glasgow City Council will be discussing how to increase the adaptive capacity of Scottish Councils. The invitation has been made open to all elected members holding a mandate to represent the Council.
- 2.5 More information on the conference and registration can be found [here](#).
- 2.6 It is therefore recommended that the Committee approves the attendance of an elected member at the session to represent Aberdeenshire Council. The Committee is also asked to nominate an elected member to attend.
- 2.7 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this and their comments are incorporated within the report. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section S. 1.1.c of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the matter being reported does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 The cost of attendance is free, but rail travel is estimated to be £70 and it will be met from the approved budget for Elected Members' Travel and Subsistence.
- 4.4 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level – Risk ID ACORP010, as it relates to Environmental challenges within the Corporate Risk Register. The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level – Risk ID ISSR004, as it relates to Climate Change in the Directorate Strategic Risk Register.
- 4.5 A Town Centre Impact Assessment was not completed because there are no direct material outcomes from this report and it will therefore not have an impact on Town Centres.

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