

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 29 October 2013

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2013

Item number	8.12
Report number	
Wards	City Wide

Links

Coalition pledges [P50](#), [P51](#)
Council outcomes CO18
Single Outcome Agreement

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

Contact: Stuart McLean, Committee Officer

E-mail: stuart.mclean@edinburgh.gov.uk | Tel: 0131 469 4106

Executive summary

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2013

Summary

This report outlines Council representation at the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2013 on 7 November 2013. The theme of the Conference is “Realising the Value of a Sustainable Scotland” and will profile examples of public sector leadership and action that simultaneously deliver positive outcomes for the economy, society and the environment.

Recommendation

Due to the need to confirm arrangements for attendance at the Scotland Network Conference 2013, the Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee has approved attendance by Councillor Burgess under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 3.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference. The Committee is asked to note the action taken.

Measures of success

- Raise city’s profile.
- Promote Edinburgh’s expertise.
- Learn from others’ good practice.
- Strengthen links with other stakeholders and find new partners.

Financial impact

The cost of attendance is £108. As the event is being held in Edinburgh travel costs will be negligible and there will be no accommodation costs involved.

The cost for elected member’s attendance will be met from the performance strategy and policy budget 2013/14.

Equalities impact

There are no equalities impacts arising from attendance at this conference.

Sustainability impact

Travel arrangements will be made in accordance with the Council’s Sustainable Travel Plan.

Consultation and engagement

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

Background reading / external references

Sustainable Scotland Network website:

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

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2013 website:

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/sustainable-scotland-network/events/ssn-conference-2013/>

Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2013

1. Background

- 1.1 This report outlines Council representation at the Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) Conference in Edinburgh on 7 November 2013.
- 1.2 The SSN supports public sector action on sustainable development, including programmes on climate change and sustainable procurement. SSN is now widening its support to sustainability practitioners and advocates from throughout the public sector.

2. Main report

- 2.1 The SSN Conference is the annual event of the association that aims to encourage and enhance greater and more effective collaboration between local authorities and the wider public sector.
- 2.2 The Conference will provide delegates with a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences and issues through a variety of policy forums and working groups, projects and events.
- 2.3 The SSN is active in supporting public sector action on sustainable development, including programmes on climate change and sustainable procurement.
- 2.4 The theme of the conference is “Realising the Value of a Sustainable Scotland” and will address the question ‘How can the public sector help realise the value of a sustainable Scotland.’
- 2.5 Council representation at the Conference will provide 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.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the arrangements for Councillor Burgess to attend the Sustainable Scotland Network Conference in Edinburgh on 7 November 2013.

Carol Campbell

Links

Coalition pledges [P50](#), [P51](#)

Council outcomes CO18

**Single Outcome
Agreement**

Appendices None