

**Glasgow City Council****Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee****Report by Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council****Contact: Maureen Hughes, Ext 74377****Invitation to attend conferences etc****Purpose of Report:**

To inform Committee of conference etc attendance which has been approved under the Scheme of Delegations.

**Background**

In terms of the Scheme of Delegated Functions, the Chief Executive is authorised, in consultation with the Council Business Manager, to authorise the attendance of elected members at conferences etc in the UK up to a maximum of £800 and to approve international travel up to a maximum cost of £1,000 per person.

The attached table shows invitations to attend conferences where member attendance has been approved under delegated authority.

Full details of the events can be obtained from Maureen Hughes, Committee Services, Ext 74377.

**Policy and Resource Implications**

*Financial:* The cost shown in the attached list includes conference fee, if any, together with estimated accommodation and travel costs at economy class. In addition reimbursement will be made of actual receipted expenses up to the limits specified by regulation.

There are no Legal, Personnel, Procurement, Council Strategic Plan, Equality Impact, Sustainable Impact or Privacy and Data Protection Impact issues.

**Recommendation:**

The committee is asked to note member attendance at conferences etc as detailed on the attached list.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No

## CONFERENCE INVITATIONS

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Date and place</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Representation</i>	<i>Carbon Footprint (Flights)</i>
Eurocities Environment Forum	23rd-25th October, Oslo	£475	Councillor A Richardson	0.31 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
National Air Quality Conference	11th-13th November 2019, London	£255 council cost for 2 night accommodation. All other costs met by organisers	Councillor A Richardson	n/a rail travel
Smart City Expo	18th-21st November 2019, Barcelona	£567.39	Councillor A Millar	0.52 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Eurocities	20th-22nd November 2019, Prague	£417	Bailie A Christie	0.44 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Eurocities	20th-22nd November 2019, Prague	£276	Councillor D McDonald	0.44 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
National Association of Councillors - Conference & AGM	22nd-24th November 2019, Chester	£626.45	Bailie M Garrity	n/a rail travel
2019 Polis Annual General Assembly	25th-28th November 2019, Brussels	£755.98	Councillor M Balfour	0.24 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Creative Cities Convention	27th November 2019, London	£384.85	Councillor S Aitken	n/a rail travel
UEFA Euro 2020 Draw	29th November - 1st December 2019, Bucharest	£330 Accommodation costs - Travel costs were paid for by UEFA	Councillor D McDonald	0.78 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>

COP 25	3rd-5th December 2019, Madrid	£708.49	Councillor S Aitken	0.60 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Eurocities: City Leadership for Climate	9th-10th December 2019, Brussels	£435	Councillor D McDonald	0.24 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
ACES Awards Ceremony - European Capital of Sport	10th-11th December 2019, Brussels	£385	Councillor D McDonald	Included in footprint above
Air Quality Workshop	20th January 2020, Belfast	£55.98 (met by Belfast City Council)	Councillor A Richardson	0.09 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Berlin Burns Supper	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020, Berlin	£451 (Costs met by Scottish Government)	Councillor D McDonald	0.38 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
MIPIM	9th-12th March 2020, Cannes	£785	Councillor S Aitken	0.54 tonnes of CO <sub>2e</sub>
Holyrood's Participatory Budgeting Event	19th March 2020, Edinburgh	£294	Councillor S Dornan	n/a bus travel
National Association of Councillors	24th-26th January 2020, Ripon	£707.25	Bailie M Garrity	n/a rail travel