



Glasgow City Council

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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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 Lee Sclater, Committee Services, Ext 73511.

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 ETC INVITATIONS

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Date and place</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Representation</i>	<i>Carbon Footprint</i>
World Cities Culture Forum	13th-16th October 2025, Amsterdam	£873	Bailie Annette Christie	0.18 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Berlin Urban Nature Pact Conference	7th-10th October 2025, Berlin	£679	Councillor Angus Millar	0.31 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Core Cities Cabinet	6th October 2025, London	£382	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.03 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
United Nations Forum of Mayors and 86th session of the (UNECE) Committee	5th-9th October 2025, Geneva	£903	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.19 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Eurocities Shadow Commission College Meeting	5th-8th October 2025, Strasbourg	£804	Bailie Annette Christie	0.45 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Eurocities Culture Forum	23rd-29th September 2025, Vienna	£570.84	Bailie Annette Christie	0.42 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Living Sectors Conference	24th September 2025, London	£499	Councillor Ruairi Kelly	0.03 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
Phoenix Group Roundtable Event	13th September 2025, Edinburgh	£16.60	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.01 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
14th Mayors Forum of the World Cities Summit	2nd-4th July 2025 Vienna	£350	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.42 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)

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Chatham House in partnership with Global Commission on Drugs Policy	30th June -1st July, 2025 London	£340.40	Councillor Allan Casey	0.03 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
*London Climate Week – Various events	23rd-25th June 2025, London	£865	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.03 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
Council of Europe - 4th Int Symposium on Drug Consumption Rooms	18th-19th June 2025, Strasbourg	£660 (Contribution by organiser)	Councillor Allan Casey	0.45 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Bratislava Start with Children Summit 2025	13th-14th June 2025, Bratislava	£411 (Costs covered by organiser)	Councillor Ruairi Kelly	0.84 tonnes of CO _{2e} (Air)
Shanghai International Technology Fair	9th-15th June 2025, Shanghai	£0 (All costs covered)	Councillor Christina Cannon	3.02 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Eurocities 2025	4th-6th June 2025, Braga	£584.66	Bailie Annette Christie	0.41 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Superpower Conference - How science-led growth can deliver for the whole UK	5th June 2025, London	£500	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.03 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
Its Cities Coalition for Digital Rights Annual Conference	2nd-4th June 2025, Portugal	£602	Councillor Paul Leinster	0.41 tonnes of CO ₂ (Air)
Core Cities	3rd June 2025, Nottingham	£300	Councillor Susan Aitken	0.02 tonnes of CO ₂ (Train)
*approved by the Director of Legal and Administration on 17th June 2025 noting that due to the close proximity to the event, costs slightly exceeded the normal thresholds.				