

**4. NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE 2010: APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES
(A.1118/EWJ)**

Purpose of the report

1. To appoint the Authority's delegates to attend the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) National Parks Conference to be held in the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Scotland in September 2010.

Recommendations

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 1. **That the Chair of the Authority and four other Members be appointed to attend the ANPA National Parks Conference on 20th-23rd September 2010 with attendance as an approved duty.**
 2. **That the Chair of the Authority be authorised to agree the delegates and appoint substitute delegates if necessary.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. Attendance at the conference contributes to achieving Corporate Objective 11. 6 'continue to value and develop staff and Members'.

Background

4. The ANPA conference is hosted each year by one of the National Park Authorities. This year it is being hosted by the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority from Monday to Thursday the 20th-23rd September 2010

Proposals

5. The Authority is usually represented at the conference each year by the Chair of the Authority because of the need for senior political level representation and 4 other Members. Priority has been given to a) new Members; b) Members who have not attended before; c) Members who have not been for many years. The Chief Executive will agree the attendance of the officer delegates.
6. It is proposed that the same criteria be applied to the appointment of this year's delegates. The Chair needs to have delegated authority to appoint substitute delegates in case any delegates are unable to attend.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

7. **Financial:** The delegate's fees and any travelling and subsistence allowances will be met from the Members' budget as usual.
8. **Risk Management:** There are no risks arising out of the proposal.
9. **Sustainability:** There are no issues to highlight.
10. **Background papers** (not previously published) - None

Appendices - None

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