

#### **EX79. Attendance at Conference – Request for Approval**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services seeking approval for Councillor Coombes to attend the Scottish Tourism Alliance Conference.

Decision making on members' attendance at conferences and seminars is delegated to the Chief Governance Officer where the cost does not exceed £200. For conferences and seminars exceeding £200, approval was required from the Executive. The fee associated with Councillor Coombes' request was £200 + VAT and was therefore over the delegated threshold.

#### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) the request from Councillor Coombes to attend the Scottish Tourism Alliance Conference at a cost of £200 plus VAT on 1 March 2018;**
- (2) that a report is submitted by Councillor Coombes following the conference for inclusion in the Information Bulletin, and**
- (3) that a moratorium on requests to attend conferences from elected members is put in place for the foreseeable future.**