

Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 December 2023
For Decision or For Information	FOR DECISION
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£350 + VAT Delegate Fee £85 + VAT per night Accommodation Plus Travel & Subsistence
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO Budget fully committed
Capital/Revenue	
Code	3101-62507
Staffing Costs	Nil

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

2.0 The following is listed:

2.1 National Association of Councillors Conference - Environment / Positive Action Conference

Date: 12th-14th January 2024
Venue: The Little Haven Hotel, South Shields
Delegate Fee: £350 plus VAT
Accommodation: £85 plus VAT per night

Brian Nelson, National Secretary, National Association of Councillors

As the government has promised to reduce carbon emissions throughout the United Kingdom, we as elected Councillors all strive to reduce damage to the Environment in various ways. Local Authorities are driving ahead with innovative projects both to protect the environment and give good value for money schemes to the public.

We now also face a Climate Emergency and we will be looking at positive projects carried out by local authorities in the north east of England and in particular Tyneside. We will be learning about schemes that have just been carried out such as The Viking Energy Network Jarrow and The Holborn Renewable Energy Network. We will also be looking at the Implementation of waste reforms.

This weekend we have a range of speakers who are heavily involved in driving environmental schemes forward. We will be discussing how these schemes are working and what the practicalities are including the political ramifications. We will also have question and answer sessions.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Environmental Services Committee consider the Conference listed.