



<b>ELECTED MEMBERS' CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>27 February 2018</b>
<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leader and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Provide Civic Leadership
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Director of Corporate Services
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Costs to be met, as detailed below, from Conference Budget (£8,000 allocated proportionally) £200 per Councillor

**1. Purpose of report**

To inform Councillors about conferences that they may wish to attend.

**2. The following is listed for consideration:**

**2.1 Energy Action – European Energy Poverty Conference 2018; A United Approach**

Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
9am-5.30pm

The Conference will cover:

- European policy, regulation and financial incentives to address Energy Poverty
- Irish Government financial incentives for energy efficiency, for Deeper Retrofit Programmes and new changes to Building Regulation for all Irish Housing stock
- Best practice in Ireland, the UK and throughout Europe in various fields from behavioural change to innovative technologies
- A Workshop covering best practice for local authorities' approach to deeper Retrofit, which will be of particular interest to councillors, housing and community.

Speakers, drawn from policy makers, Academia, and experts in Energy technology and Poverty alleviation, will include Denis Naughten TD, Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, and Dr. Harriet Thomson, postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Manchester and the European Energy Poverty Observatory.

- <http://energyaction.ie/fuel-poverty-conference/looking-forward-2018-european-conference/>

Cost: Eur 80 (early bird, before 28 February 2018), Eur 120 standard

### **3. Recommendation**

Members wishing to attend the above conference should contact Democratic Services.