

8 4TH INTERNATIONAL SOLAR CITIES CONGRESS (AN127-2010)

In view of the timescales involved, the undernoted item was approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the spokesperson from each of the Groups and is reported for information and record purposes.

Dundee City Council hosted a Chinese Solar Cities delegation on 2nd June, 2010. The delegation was shown the range of renewable energy and technologies that Dundee City Council and its partner organisations are looking at with regard to maximising such benefit for the City. At this momentous occasion, the cities of Dundee and Dezhou signed a Memorandum of Understanding in recognition of and sharing in the development of solar energy technologies as they both seek to achieve carbon reduction targets and enhance quality of life of their citizens. As a mark of respect, the Municipal Government of Dezhou in Shandong Province in China have cordially invited Dundee City Council to be represented as their guest at the 4th International Solar Cities Congress to be held in Dezhou on 15th to 19th September, 2010.

In order to further develop this Memorandum of Understanding and to take forward the education, cultural and commercial opportunities, the City of Dezhou has offered to cover all of the costs associated with both travel to and within China as well as any accommodation costs associated with attending this conference. The City of Dezhou has therefore invited the Lord Provost and the Leader of the Council as their guests in taking forward the development of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Dundee is the only city that has received this offer from Dezhou City.



The Leader of the Administration and the City Architectural Services Officer attended the Congress and a report on the visit will be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.