

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET - 17 AUGUST 2011

AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2011/2012

Report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To invite the Cabinet to consider the background, aims and objectives, and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** As an annual process, consideration is given to all Service Department and Council affiliations.
- 2.2** In order to consider the affiliations as a strategic package, all Departments have been requested to submit their recommendations for 2011/2012. The requests for affiliations are outlined in Appendix I.

3. EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AFFILIATIONS

- 3.1** Affiliations can be considered, in principle, taking account of applications that have not been confirmed, and ensuring that Directors have included the estimated cost in their budget. The estimated cost shown in the Appendix may therefore fluctuate slightly as some groups have still to confirm their affiliation fees for 2011/2012.
- 3.2** When this annual report was last considered (at Council Meeting, 24 June 2010, Page 1248, 07/12), it was agreed that future reports should include the value for money and benefits to the Council in affiliating to these organisations. This information is detailed in column 6 of the Appendix.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The appended list includes fees and, where available, information on venue and frequency of meetings as this would have financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2** The recommending Service Departments would normally be responsible for payment of the affiliation and have confirmed that they are able to pay for the affiliations within existing budgets.
- 4.3** Where affiliations are corporate, the costs will be allocated across the benefiting Departments.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Where appropriate, Service Departments would seek the necessary legal advice.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The purpose of submitting the affiliations as a whole package is to ensure that the Council can consider the relative merits of all affiliations in relation to Council Strategies and Policies.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Affiliation to various outside organisations support the guiding principles of the Community Plan.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** Cabinet is asked to agree:-

- (i) to consider the applications, in principle, as detailed in Appendix I; and
- (ii) that the appropriate Departments make payment of the affiliation fees to those approved organisations.

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Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

8 August 2011
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Various requests and invoices from organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager, on Telephone Number (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Julie McGarry, Administration Manager.

AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

BENEFITS TO THE COUNCIL IN SUBSCRIBING/AFFILIATING

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1.	National Association of Councillors	Represent interest of Members of Local Authorities throughout Britain.	£588.80	£512.00	Cllr Kelly	<p><u>Department of Finance & Corporate Support</u></p> <p>The NAC is a unique organisation as it is the only all party organisation run by Elected Members, for Elected Members. The organisation seeks to promote and enhance the role of Councillors and help them to be as effective as possible in carrying out their responsibilities. The organisation offers legal advice, education at a reasonable cost and advice on insurance etc. All serving Councillors in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible to join. The all member annual subscription is £16 per member. Councillor Kelly represents EAC on this organisation.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support</p>
2.	Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group	Local group which aims to promote best practice in Health and Safety procedures.	£50.00	£50.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Finance & Corporate Support</u></p> <p>Allows Health and Safety Team to benchmark and share good practice with colleagues.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support</p>

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3.	CIPFA Directors of Finance Section	Membership available to Proper Finance Officer from each Council. Consultation activity, research, information sharing, good practice exchange. Access to electronic benchmarking data for all UK Councils.	£750.00	TBA	Not applicable	<p><u>Department of Finance & Corporate Support</u></p> <p>Benefit of regular contact with Chief Finance Officers from all Councils. Close links to CIPFA, Audit Scotland and COSLA. Influences national issues including grant distribution and accounting regulations. Allows sharing of best practice. Provides detailed benchmarking information for all Scottish and UK Councils. Considered to represent value for money.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support</p>
4.	Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee	The Committee represents users and others affected by the airport, established under the provision of statute.	£550.00	£550.00	Cllr H Ross (Cllr Todd, Substitute)	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>Airports have a legal requirement to have a Consultative Committee of local interests, which is independent of the airport operators, but on which they have a place. For Glasgow Prestwick, the administration is undertaken by the Ayrshire Joint Planning team and the costs have been contained at the current level for many years. Although the airport is not located within this Council area, one of the major flight path routes to it is along the Doon Valley and this, coupled with the statutory nature of the Committee, it is recommended that this membership be maintained.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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5.	Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	ACCI is an organisation representing the interests of business, providing a range of services from training to representation and lobbying. ACCI is an important partner in the Ayrshire Economic Forum.	£750.00	£750.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>Given the importance of the Council's relationship with the business community in the area, both on an individual basis and also on a collective basis, through representative organisations such as the ACCI and the FSB, it is recommended that membership of the ACCI be maintained.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
6.	Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society	To safeguard access (including rights of way) throughout Scotland.	£100.00	£100.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>While the organisation has assisted us in the past by supplying rights of way maps and information, we have not used them recently. We would only use them if there was a dispute over the status of a right of way, subject to the payment of a fee. It is recommended that membership is discontinued.</p> <p>Affiliation <u>NOT</u> recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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7.	The Industrial Communities Alliance (formerly the Alliance and prior to that, the Coalfield Communities Campaign)	UK wide organisation to promote the economic and social regeneration of former coalfield and industrial areas undergoing significant transition.	£5,300.00	£3,300.00	Cllrs Kelly & Filson (Cllr Kelly is Scottish Regional Chair)	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>Now called the Industrial Communities Alliance, it is a national organisation that has a strong track record of successful lobbying on behalf of industrial communities at European, UK and Scottish Government levels. The success of the lobbying is exemplified in the Structural Funds, State Aids and funding streams such as the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Due to WoSEF affiliating to the IC Alliance, the subscription for 2011/12 is likely to be discounted by £2,000 to £3,300.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
8.	SLAED: Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Officers (administered through SCDI)	Association of Economic Development Officers from all Local Authorities in Scotland. Undertakes research, consultative and representative roles in relation to the economic development function.	£600.00	£600.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>SLAED is the professional network for economic development officers and in which each of the 32 councils in Scotland participates. SLAED is recognised by both Scottish Government and by COSLA, with whom it works in close partnership, as an important consultative and advisory body.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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9.	Scottish Civic Trust	Amenity body and consultee to offer advice on design and development.	£100.00	£100.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The involvement of this organisation is limited following the changes in the Planning System.</p> <p>Affiliation <u>NOT</u> recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
10.	Strathclyde Labour Market	To undertake research and provide information and analysis on labour market trends.	£3,100.00	£3,100.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>SLIMS provides regularly reviewed information on labour market intelligence and other economic information, which is used throughout the Council. The relationship with SLIMS is governed by a Service Level Agreement. This is an important service which should be maintained.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
11.	West of Scotland European Forum	Member Authorities working together to maximise the benefits of European policies and funding programmes in the West of Scotland and to raise the profile of the European activities of the Member Councils both within the region and externally.	£6,000.00	£4,000.00	Cllr Reid (Cllr H Ross, Substitute)	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>WoSEF has recently affiliated to the IC Alliance (see 7 above) to maximise the synergies between the activities of the 2 groups. As is the case with the IC Alliance, the subscription to WoSEF is also likely to be reduced next year, by £2,000 to £4,000</p> <p>Therefore, in total the subscription for the IC Alliance and WoSEF is likely to reduce from a total of £11,300 (2010/11) to £7.300 (2011/12).</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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12.	Ayrshire Architectural Heritage Trust	Identify and prepare projects to restore and reuse listed buildings.	£100.00	£100.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>There has been no recent involvement with this group.</p> <p>Affiliation <u>NOT</u> recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
13.	Heritage Building Preservation Trust	Identify and prepare projects to restore and reuse listed buildings	£100.00	£100.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The Trust was integral to Newmilns THI but we have not worked with them for a number of years. If we required their services in the future, a fee would be agreed. It is recommended that membership is discontinued.</p> <p>Affiliation <u>NOT</u> recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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14.	Scottish Association of Building Standards Manager	National association promoting quality and efficiency in Building Standards	£400.00	£400.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>Membership of SABSM provides the Council with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A forum for the discussion and promotion of local authority Building Standards and allied matters and, where necessary, to promote action. • Promotes uniformity of interpretation and application for the Building Acts Building Standards and all relevant legislation. • Assists in maintaining, administer, and promote a <u>Scottish Type Approval Scheme</u> [STAS]. • Promotes the training and expertise of local authority Building Standards professionals. <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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15.	Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland	Provision of training, education and dissemination of information on environmental health issues in Scotland.	£200.00	£200.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Finance & Corporate Support</u></p> <p>The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland is a recognised national and international professional body for Environmental Health Officer and technical staff, providing a knowledge, education and training base for Environmental Health in Scotland. High standards of professional practice and conduct are promoted by the Institute on behalf of Environmental Health Officers in Scotland including chartered status.</p> <p>Subsidised and sometimes free seminars and training are offered to members of the Institute throughout the year. Voting rights are provided at the AGM.</p> <p>Member forums and discussion provided a platform for professional dialogue and decision with input into Scottish Government workgroups.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support</p>

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16.	Environmental Protection UK	Provide information on all issues relating to Environmental Protection (noise control/air quality/contaminated land/sustainability)	£700.00	£700.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Finance & Corporate Support</u></p> <p>Environmental Protection UK – Scotland brings together local authorities, environmental regulators, industry, academic institutions, health agencies, legal firms and individuals with experience in environmental protection in terms of public and environmental protection. A specific Scottish division promotes the aims of the UK organisation and provides a forum for members in Scotland to discuss national issues in pollution control, noise and air quality issues with input into legislative process.</p> <p>Subsidised seminars and free training with voting rights provide a value for money means of ensuring staff are up to date in topical issues. Member forums and discussion provide a means of professional dialogue and decision making.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support</p>

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17.	West Coast Rail 250	Membership is from both the private and public sector. The organisation works closely with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the upgrade of the West Coast Main Line and consider the needs of communities and commerce on the rail network.	£350.00	£350.00	Cllr McDill (Cllr Buchanan, Substitute)	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>There is benefit in maintaining the affiliation to West Coast Rail 250 particularly in relation to the extension of the high speed rail link from London north. All 12 West Coast Councils in Scotland are affiliated, with West Coast Rail 250. West Coast rail 250 will lobby for the high speed rail link to be extended to the West of Scotland.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
18.	ROSPA (Road Safety)	To promote road safety.	£310.00	£310.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>RoSPA provides road safety information, access to road safety resources and discounts for educational resources and road safety courses. This also gives the opportunity for practitioners to share best practice.</p> <p>Most of RoSPA's road safety work in Scotland is funded by a grant from the Scottish Government's Transport Directorate, and aims to contribute towards the achievement of the Scottish Government's Road Safety Framework and National Strategic Objectives.</p> <p>An important role is the provision of reliable and well-researched information along with independent advice.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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19.	SUSTRANS	Cycling organisation which develops and creates safe pathways for cycling and walking.	£500.00	£500.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>SUSTRANS provides a wide range of advisory and promotional information on cycling and an opportunity for grant funding for Active/Sustainable travel options. Sustainable travel and in particular cycling is a key policy of the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Scottish Government allocates funding for projects to SUSTRANS to disperse. Roads and Transportation along with Countryside Services make bids annually to SUSTRANS for various streams of funding for cycleways/paths. Over the last 5 years we have been successful in obtaining almost £0.5M of funding from SUSTRANS. The most recent funding is the Short Links Fund to which we have made a bid for three projects.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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20.	West of Scotland Road Safety Forum	Organisation of Local Authorities in the West of Scotland and Strathclyde Police to promote road safety.	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Cllr Todd (Sub: Cllr Kelly)	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The fee is a contribution to a shared service approach to road safety campaigns across the West of Scotland that have contributed to the successful reduction in road accidents in East Ayrshire.</p> <p>The organisation is supported by Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, the 11 other West of Scotland local authorities, SPT, the Strathclyde Camera Partnership, and Amey/Transport Scotland. The Forum allows Members and road safety practitioners in the West of Scotland to share experience and good practice; facilitates joint working between neighbouring authorities and provides significant economies of scale when purchasing road safety materials and developing road safety campaigns.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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21.	Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland	To provide training courses covering a wide syllabus.	£1,200.00	£1,000.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The Chartered Institute is the nationally recognised professional body for the housing sector within Scotland, with good access to Scottish Government. The Council's funding supports the Institute's professional and advisory roles in respect of national housing issues and policies. together with delivery of relevant training programmes to housing professionals and elected members.</p> <p>We receive direct benefit in the form of access to free training events and indirect benefit in respect of the published guidance and good practice advice produced by the Institute.</p> <p>A reduced contribution was agreed at Council on 24 June 2010 of £1,200 for 2010/11, it may, however, be appropriate to agree a further reduction in 2011/12. A further £200 reduction may be possible taking affiliation to £1,000 PA. If this is possible we should monitor the effect of the reduction to ensure that we are still benefiting from our affiliation.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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22.	SHELTER (Scotland)	Aims to eradicate homelessness by pursuing short-term measures and long-term measures to improve housing system.	£550.00	£550.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The Council's funding supports Shelter's national campaigning and advocacy role together with relevant training programmes. We receive no direct benefit from this funding support and indeed, Shelter both at national and local level have in the past been unfavourably disposed to local authority landlords including East Ayrshire Council. The value for money / benefit of this affiliation therefore is not clear.</p> <p>It is recommended that this membership be discontinued.</p> <p>Recommendation awaited.</p>
23.	Scottish Community Safety Network	Co-ordinates and stimulates the work of community safety in Scotland.	£300.00	£300.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>The Council's funding supports the activities of the national network to promote community safety in Scotland. The Council receives indirect benefit from the networks coordinating role which helps to share best practice and promotes joint working between all agencies including Scottish Government. In view of the importance of community safety within the East Ayrshire Community Planning Framework, continuation of this affiliation is recommended.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>

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24.	Ayrshire Association of Businesswomen	The Association was established in 1994 to provide a forum for local women in business to exchange ideas and information. Members come from a variety of sectors and industries.	N/A - New affiliation	£150.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Neighbourhood Services</u></p> <p>Opportunities and benefits include networking opportunities with business women throughout Scotland; to create business links with companies across the country; PR opportunities within the newsletters and websites. The affiliation fee entitles the Council to become a corporate member of the Association. This would entitle 4 staff to attend each of their monthly events at members rates (members £20.00; non members £25.00). Meetings are normally held locally in Irvine.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
25.	Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW)	Promotion and representation of Social Work nationally including consultation activity, research, information sharing, good practice exchange.	£2,450.00	£2,450.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>The ADSW network provides a vehicle across service areas for exchange of good practice, benchmarking, policy development. In East Ayrshire officers benefit from participation in regular groups focusing amongst others on Children's services, older people, learning disability, addiction and criminal justice.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>
26.	British Association of Adoption & Fostering Agencies	Promotes awareness and understanding of adoption and fostering policy and practice and provision of direct services and training	£2,026.02	£2,026.02	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>Professional advice and information is received from BAAF on legislation and policy relating to adoption and fostering. In addition, training and development is provided for the Chair and for staff on the adoption and fostering panels.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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27.	Scottish Childminding Association	Support childminders throughout Scotland.	£175.00	£175.00	Elected Members are invited to Seminars.	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>The benefits of affiliation are the quarterly magazine, discounted fee for the national conference and limited access the SCMA website. These keep Childminding Development Officer abreast of current issues. The 200 childminders in EAC form the largest part of the independent sector supplier base, not all are SCMA members, it is important that the CDO is able to support childminders with accurate, reliable and up to date national and local information.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>
28.	Youthlink Scotland	To support youth work and youth service development across both statutory and voluntary sectors.	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Elected Members could be invited to Conferences and/or sit on Board of Directors.	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>Youthlink Scotland is the national agency for youth work in Scotland. They play a key role in relation to bringing together the voluntary and statutory youth work sector across Scotland. They offer members CPD opportunities and campaign on youth work issues. Through our membership we attend quarterly member network meetings, have local assessors linked to the Cashback to Communities funding which is managed by Youthlink Scotland, receive regular electronic newsletters, are kept up to date with national developments. Membership is beneficial to the CLD Service and we are actively involved in the organisation.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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29.	Scottish Out of School Care Network	To promote, support and develop good quality, sustainable out of school care. To promote equal opportunities and children's rights according to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child to provide information, advice, support and training to Childcare Practitioners, Voluntary Committees and Development/Policy Workers.	£125.00	£125.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>The benefits of affiliation are a regular electronic policy newsletter which keeps Officers informed of national developments, issues and broader matters impacting on out of school care.</p> <p>The quarterly Out of School Care Officers Forum stimulates discussion, development and problem solving across the sector. SOSCN also advocates on behalf of out of school care at a national and international level. The affiliation fee represents very good value for money.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>
30.	The Association of Service Solutions in Scotland (A.S.S.I.S.T.)	Established to create and present a shared voice on all matters relating to Facilities Management throughout Scotland's 32 Local Authorities. This public sector organisation formerly was the Scottish Local Authority Catering & Cleaning Association	£250.00	£250.00	Not Applicable	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>ASSIST offers a national network of providers of facilities management services across Scotland and provides a central focus to lobby and influence national debate and policy on a range of issues. Most recently in relation to school meals, nutrition and HMIE inspections.</p> <p>It also provides a Scotland wide benchmark group of authority contacts and has helped identify opportunities for savings and new ways of working.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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31.	Association for Public Service Excellence	Association for Public Service Excellence membership consists of over 300 local Authorities and associates across the United Kingdom, 32 being Scottish Authorities. The first region in the UK to reach 100% membership. Their aim is to develop and support new legislation and regulations which affect frontline services in Local Government. These include Best Value, employment and single status, capital finance and private finance initiatives, performance measuring and bench marking etc. They also aim to promote Local Authority frontline services through Advisory Groups and National Seminars encouraging the best service provision to Local Authorities.	£6,010.00 (membership fee £2,784.00; Performance Networks - £3,226.00)	£6,010.00 (membership fee £2,784.00; Performance Networks - £3,226.00)	Cllr H Ross	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>APSE provides a UK wide source for research, policy and best practice across a range of direct council services including catering, cleaning, leisure, grounds maintenance, roads, street lighting, building maintenance and transport The costs are therefore split across a wide range of services.</p> <p>The performance network offers each service the opportunity to benchmark and contact a range of similar service providers across the UK to identify new ways of working and compare current performance. Annually performance networks collate benchmarking statistics from authorities across the UK and offer analysis of service trends and influences.</p> <p>The Performance Network provides clear evidence for services in demonstrating value for money through the collation of cost and quality related performance indicators.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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32.	Investors In People Accreditation	Investors in People is an industry standard for HR and performance management which helps organisations transform business performance.	£1,900.00	£1,900.00	Not Required	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>Investors in People accreditation provides the Facilities Management services with external verification of the management approach and also demonstrates the Council's commitment to the staff employed within the service (predominantly lower paid part time female staff). Our people are the section's main asset and IIP assists in promoting and supporting the development of our staff.</p> <p>Since the achievement of IIP in 2005 FM services have continually improved levels of productivity, training, absence, customer and staff satisfaction.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>
33.	Food for Life Accreditation	This is the benchmark standard for public sector food. East Ayrshire Council holds Gold Standard.	£900.00 for further 2 years	£900.00 for 2 years	Not Required	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>The Soil Association's Food for Life scheme provides an external verification of the Councils approach to meeting the sustainable procurement requirements of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) Scotland Act 2007. The cost relates to the accreditation and an audit visit.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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34.	Ayrshire Sports Ability	The organisation promotes access to sport for young people with physical and/or learning disabilities throughout Ayrshire. The main event is a "Come and Try Event" held centrally to which all young people are invited. This is a unique opportunity for children in special schools to participate in a major fixture along with their peers. Ayrshire Sports Ability is increasingly, also, endeavouring to promote wider sporting opportunities and access to sport for this group.	N/A - New affiliation	£2,500.00	Nil but the Provost hosts a table at the annual fund raising dinner and, along with Spokespersons, the Provost also attends the Come and Try event in May	<p><u>Department of Educational and Social Services</u></p> <p>This is a unique event and organisation that provides an unequalled opportunity for young people with additional support needs. It is not replicated within the Council or any other organisation.</p> <p>Affiliation recommended by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>

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