

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 24TH JUNE 2004

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL 55TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CRIEFF HYDRO: 13-14TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Council to consider an invitation to be represented at the 55th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to be held in Crieff Hydro on 13th and 14th September 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Accident Prevention Council discharges its responsibilities through three principal committees – Home Safety; Road Safety; and Water and Leisure Safety. East Ayrshire Council is represented on the three committees by Councillors Carmichael and Smith.
- 2.2 The three principal committees have put together a comprehensive programme for the 55th Conference which will deal with such matters as matters as Drownings in Scotland; Safety on the Web; Effects of Social Deprivation on Road Accidents Rates; Pool Lifeguarding; New Opportunities Linked to the Health and Fitness Agenda; Homes Safety in the Curriculum; Substance Misuse and Road Safety.
- 2.3 The programme includes a number of issues which East Ayrshire Council has actively promoted since 1996.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Participation at the conference would provide the Council with the opportunity to continue to play a major role in developing the work of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council.
- 3.2 The Conference also creates an informal forum for an exchange of views and discussion with not only other local authorities but also health boards, police and fire services.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The full delegate rate for the annual conference is £225 including accommodation. Travelling costs would be additional.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to be represented at the 55th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to be held in Crieff Hydro on 13th to 14th September 2004.

6.2 The programme for the conference contains a wide range of issues which are of topical interest to the Council at the present time.

6.3 The Council has attended this Conference in the past.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Council considers attendance at the 55th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council in Crieff.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from SAPC Secretary to Director of Community Services dated 8 June 2004

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask to speak to John Crawford, Head of Protective Services.

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