

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE - 18 JULY 2005

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL 56th ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CRIEFF HYDRO: 12-13th SEPTEMBER 2005

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of an invitation for the Council to be represented at the 56th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to be held in Crieff Hydro on 12th and 13th September 2005.

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 O'Neill and Smith.
- 2.2 The three principal committees have put together a comprehensive programme for the 56th conference which will deal with such matters as Safe Communities; Accident Prevention and the Welsh Assembly; Accidents and Complacency; Home Safety for Older People in West Lothian; Bike Plus; Firework Safety; Baby Walkers; Safe Drive Staff Alive; Drownings; Crash Investigations; Northern Ireland Home Safety Strategy; and RTAs: an international perspective.
- 2.3 The programme includes a number of issues which East Ayrshire Council has actively promoted since 1996.
- 2.4 Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair of Community Services Committee has been invited to present a paper entitled 'Firework Safety' at Parallel Session 1 on 12th September.

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. As Councillor O'Neill has been invited to speak, SAPC have offered to pay for his travel costs to and from the Conference.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to be represented at the 56th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to be held in Crieff Hydro on 12th to 13th September 2005.
- 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 Sub-Committee considers attendance at the 56th Annual Conference of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council in Crieff.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from SAPC Secretary to Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services dated 14 June 2005

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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