

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25th JANUARY 2006

ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY REGENERATION 2006 SEMINAR

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-committee of an invitation for the Council to be represented at the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) two day seminar 'Community Regeneration 2006' to be held in Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles on 15th and 16th February 2006.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The seminar aims to explore the key linkages and lessons within the successful delivery of community regeneration with the aim of providing a clear and concise guide to the options, opportunities and related challenges to the public sector.
- 2.2 The seminar will feature both plenary and workshop sessions to allow participants to both hear from leading speakers and to examine in detail through workshops the range of issues at hand.
- 2.3 Speakers from across the public sector environment have been invited to address a range of core issues on topics such as:- new structures in procurement and partnerships under Efficient Government; the development of wider community benefits through investment in housing, building and road services; best practice in partnership arrangements to raise standards in joint working; case studies in areas such as the formation of new Urban Regeneration Companies; leading design and delivery in the latest schools build programmes in Scotland; and the promotion of joint working across all council resources and their partners to support regeneration activity.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The delegate fee for the conference is £369 plus VAT excluding accommodation. Accommodation for two nights full board commencing on 15 February for a single room is £110. There will be additional costs for travel to and from the event.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to be represented at the APSE two day seminar 'Community Regeneration 2006' to be held in Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles on 15th and 16th February 2006.
- 5.2 The programme for the Conference contains a wide range of issues on regeneration which are of topical interest to the Council at the present time.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-committee considers attendance at the APSE two day seminar 'Community Regeneration 2006' to be held in Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles on 15th and 16th February 2006.

William Stafford
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

WS/JS

30th November 2005

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation and Conference programme to Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services dated 29th November 2005.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers above should telephone 01563 576023 and ask to speak to William Stafford.

Implementation Officer – William.stafford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk