

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2006

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 Chartered Institute of Housing Conference 2006 (CIH) four day Conference and Exhibition to be held in Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate from 20th to 23rd June 2006.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 As the Government begins to plan for the Comprehensive Spending Review, the CIH 2006 Conference will focus on the needs, requirements and expectations for People, Places & Performance to make the case for housing.
- 2.2 The conference programme examines the key housing issues in a variety of formats making it appeal to the widest cross section of senior practitioners and others involved in all aspects of housing, care and regeneration across the UK.
- 2.3 This year's sessions will focus on lessons from the Housing Corporation Gold Awards on tackling homelessness and innovation in procurement, and examples from the Beacon Council Schemes to improve housing services by involving tenants and promoting positive youth engagement.
- 2.4 The major conference sessions will cover the importance of housing in supporting economic growth; the role housing plays in combating discrimination; housing's contribution to improving health and education outcomes; and what more needs to be done to improve public services.
- 2.4 Other conference sessions will examine housing's role in supporting financial inclusion; Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) - the next steps; capturing land value to provide affordable housing; promoting RESPECT; where next after decent homes; the impact of mergers for Housing Associations; delivering sustainable regeneration; translating efficiency into service gains; and taking the community with you.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The delegate fee for the conference is £565 plus VAT for full delegates (Member of the CIH) and £625 plus VAT (Non-Member of the CIH) excluding

accommodation and meals (bookings must be made by 1st May 2006). 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 four day CIH Conference and Exhibition 2006 to be held in Harrogate International Centre from 20th to 23rd June.

5.2 The Conference will bring together professionals and decision makers from across the sectors focusing on all the key policy, service and delivery issues.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-committee considers attendance at the CIH four day Conference and Exhibition 2006 to be held in Harrogate International Centre from 20th to 23rd June.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Chartered Institute of Housing Conference and Exhibition 2006
Conference Preview and Delegate Registration Form

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

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