

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 24 JANUARY 2007

#### APSE BUILDING SERVICES ANNUAL SEMINAR 14 – 15 FEBRUARY 2007, EDINBURGH

#### Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Sub-Committee consider attendance at the Annual Conference of the Scottish APSE Building Services.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Scottish APSE has advised authorities that the annual conference of the institute will take place in the Marriott Dalmahoy in Edinburgh on 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007. The theme of the conference is “Building our Communities in Partnership” and the programme had been structured to include specialist sessions on a range of current issues in addition to keynote speakers.
- 2.2 In particular the conference aims to examine the new relationship between public, private and social enterprises in designing, building and modernising homes, schools and facilities for the future and outlines that housing, building, roads and economic development functions are amongst the many organisations which collectively support the delivery of successful, and sustainable, regeneration. Other key themes include;
- Re-examining the powers and opportunities to trade in Scotland
  - Housing repairs partnership – Working together, *Bruce Patrick, Dundee City Council*
  - The West Lothian Experience, *Graham Downs, Building Services Manager, West Lothian Council*
- 2.3 The seminar will include the Scottish Apprentice of the Year Awards and Annual Dinner. East Ayrshire Council currently has two apprentices nominated for this award.
- 2.4 Accordingly the conference this year is considered to be particularly relevant for Officers and Elected Members who are involved in building services and will afford delegates the opportunity to examine the way ahead for local authorities.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The delegate fee for this conference is £379.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 It is recommended that consideration be given to attendance at this conference.

William Stafford  
**Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

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08 December 2006

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Conference Brochure from the APSE Building Services Annual Seminar.

Anyone wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576023 and ask for William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

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