

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING IN SCOTLAND CONFERENCE ABERDEEN 12-15 MARCH 2007

Report by the 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 Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland has advised authorities that the annual conference of the Institute will take place in Aberdeen at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre from 12 – 15 March 2007. The programme has been structured to include specialist sessions on a range of housing issues in addition to keynote speakers.

The conference is considered to be relevant to Officers and Elected Members who are involved in housing and will afford delegates the opportunity to discuss and debate what is happening in Scotland.

- 2.2 There are a range of housing conferences held throughout the year but it has been the practice to restrict attendance to those conferences which offer the maximum advantage to the Council. The Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland Conference is one of these where representation is recommended.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The delegates fee for this four day conference is £520 plus vat.

4. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The subjects to be examined at the conference are relevant to the issues identified in the East Ayrshire Community Plan and attendance will support delivery of the actions set out in the Community Plan thematic action plans approved by the Council.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is considered that the conference would be of benefit to the Council and Members and request attendance is considered.

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Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
11 January 2007

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Conference Brochure from the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland

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