

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

TSI/ LACORS YEAR AHEAD LEADERSHIP SEMINAR, 1 - 2 FEBRUARY 2007, HOLIDAY INN, STRATFORD ON AVON

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of an invitation to attend the TSI/ LACORS Year Ahead Leadership Seminar from 1 - 2 February 2007 in Stratford On Avon and to ask the Sub-Committee to note that the Chief Executive, in terms of her delegated authority and in consultation with the Chair, agreed to authorise the attendance of Councillor O'Neill.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1.** The Local Authority Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS) is a local government central body created by UK local authority associations including Cosla, which provides advices and guidance to help support local authority regulatory and related services. It was set up in 1978 to co-ordinate enforcement activities of Trading Standards. Since 1991, LACORS has also worked in food safety and is currently responsible for a range of other regulatory and related services.
- 2.2.** The Trading Standards Institute (TSI) is the professional body representing Trading Standards Officers throughout the United Kingdom and conducts training and education for Trading Standards staff as well as promoting Trading Standards issues generally.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1.** The theme of this year's event is Trading Standards – "The future's bright?, the future's local?" The seminar will consider the current and future issues for the operational world of those involved in consumer and Trading Standards issues. Speakers have been invited from various government departments and agencies as well as senior local authority leaders and senior government officials.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1.** The conference fee was £225 plus vat if booked before 1 December 2006. After that date the fee increased to £350 plus vat.

5. POLICY/ LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL

6. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Discussions at the seminar are relevant to the aims and objectives of the East Ayrshire Community Plan e.g. consumer advice and education (promoting community learning), consumer safety initiatives (improving community safety), and action on underage sales (improving health), etc.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1. The Sub-Committee is asked to note the attendance at the seminar approved under delegated authority.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Conference publicity leaflet.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, on (01563) 576135.

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