

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2005

CIWM – ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2005, PAIGNTON, TORBAY, ENGLAND

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 above event.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Chartered Institution of Waste Management is the world's largest annual event dedicated to waste management.
- 2.2 The 2005 event will be held in Paignton, Torbay, England from 14th-17th June 2005.
- 2.3 The Conference theme is to be "Raising the Standard" and will focus on putting waste back to work; and protecting valuable resources and returning these into the economy. The whole chain of resources will be scrutinised from product and process design and resource efficiency to waste prevention and recycling. The emphasis will be on maximising waste minimisation/disposal by maximising reuse and recycling.

Conference sessions will deal with the following matters:-

- Waste strategies for local authorities (including Scotland's National Waste Plan and Sustainable Waste Practices);
- Recycling schemes case studies: funding, aims and objectives;
- Leachate from large landfill sites;
- Landfill restoration guidance;
- Landfill gas update;
- Assisting local authorities to increase recycling achievements;
- Research
- Changing attitudes and behaviour;
- Warden management and clean neighbourhoods;
- Composting.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The topics to be dealt with at the various sessions are of current interest to the Neighbourhood Services Department and the associated Exhibition alongside the Conference allows delegates the opportunity to inspect at first hand a wide range of equipment, plant and vehicles etc used in modern waste management practices.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The delegate fee for the Conference and Exhibition is £864.80. Travel and subsistence costs will be in addition to the delegate fee.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Participation in this event is in accord with the Community Plan: Improving the environment (Aim 3 to increase the amount of waste that is recycled and re-used).

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The Council has received an invitation to be represented at the 2004 Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Chartered Institution of Waste Management.
- 7.2 The Conference and Exhibition comprises a number of wide ranging issues which are of interest to East Ayrshire Council at the present time.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Sub-Committee is invited to: -
- (i) consider a response to the invitation to be represented at this Annual Conference and Exhibition; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Annual "Flyer" advising of CIWM Conference and Exhibition.

Anyone wishing to inspect the background paper listed above should telephone 01563 576111.

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