

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE (POLICY AND RESOURCES): 17 MARCH 2004

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004 : 12-14 MAY 2004

“CHALLENGING VALUES”

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose to Committee that East Ayrshire Council be represented at the ADSW Annual Conference 2004, to be held at the Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire from 12 – 14 May 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Annual Conference is being organised by the Association of Directors of Social Work. This year's conference is focusing on the core Social Work values of dignity, worth and equality. The aim is to re-examine their significance in the work done with vulnerable people and those who experience social exclusion.
- 2.2 The programme will include the following:
- Keynote addresses by leading academics, social workers and pensioners' representatives, all focusing on the theme of how Social Work can give effect to its core values within the context of partnership working and the modernisation agenda.
 - Opportunities to take part in workshops and debate a number of key issues facing Social Work in Scotland, including:
 - Service Users' Rights and Responsibilities;
 - Social Work Education and Training;
 - Supporting Frontline Social Work Staff;
 - Anti-Social Behaviour and Youth Justice;
 - The Future of Criminal Justice in Scotland;
 - The Value of Social Work within the Public Sector;
 - Community Health Partnerships and Integration in Community Care.

- A Scottish political chat show hosted by Fred MacAulay.
- Exhibition material from a range of organisations working in the public, voluntary and private sectors.

2.3 The ADSW Annual Conference seeks to promote and explore:

- Ways to modernise social work and social care services through improved partnership working, greater openness and accountability and a clearer focus on social inclusion;
- Delivery of social justice;
- Enhanced protection of the most vulnerable members of society.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost per delegate of the Full Conference is £470 (Non-Residential) or £558.13 (Residential - Single Occupancy). Both rates are inclusive of VAT.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 NIL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Council authorise member representation at this Conference.

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Director of Educational & Social Services
1 March 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence from the Association of Directors of Social Work – Annual Conference : 12 – 14 May 2004

A copy of the background paper can be obtained from John Alexander, Principal Officer (Quality and Planning) (tel. extension 6978)