

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2005**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT: THE DRIVING FORCE**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial to consider a request for the Council to be represented at a two day event organised by the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) in Aviemore from 10-13 May 2005.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Association of Public Service Excellence (Transport, Waste and Land Services), are well established in promoting the delivery of essential public services across Scotland.
- 2.2 The Association organises an annual event in Aviemore each year comprising an exhibition of public sector transport, waste and land service vehicles and equipment together with a seminar which aims to disseminate valuable experiences across the public sector.
- 2.3 The programme includes a number of wide ranging topics including Transport: The Changing Environment; the ongoing work of Transport Energy in modernising fleet technology options; an analysis of Corporate Responsibilities for frontline public service providers; Driver, Passenger and Pedestrian Safety; Enforcing Best Practice; an examination of the work of front line services in responding to Government agenda; Transport Partnerships, Landfill Schemes and the Street Scene Agenda: Common Themes, Common Relationships and Opportunities; Excellence through Effective Performance Management; Identifying and Actioning Improvement; Environmental Regeneration – Working Across Boundaries; Total Environmental Management; Working Towards Cultural Change; and Sustainable Communities in Action.

### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The seminar programme reflects a number of topical issues which are of interest to the Council. The speakers represent such diverse organisations as APSE; Energy Saving Trust; Volvo Truck and Bus UK; Rospa; together with a number of Scottish Local Authorities.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The full delegate fee including accommodation is £484.00.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil.

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The seminar content contains a number of topical issues which are consistent with the aspirations of the Community Plan.

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to be represented at the annual Exhibition and Seminar of the Association for Public Service Excellence (Transport, Waste and Land Services).

7.2 The programme for the event deals with a number of topical issues which are of interest to the Council at the present time.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial are invited to:-

- (i) consider the invitation to be represented at the APSE Conference "Environmental Enhancement: The Driving Force"; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Brochure from APSE received on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005.

Anyone wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should contact John Crawford, Head of Protective Services on 01563 576111.

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