

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MEMBER'S SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE:
22 MARCH 2006**

**ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 10 - 12 MAY 2006**

**BEYOND THE 21ST CENTURY REVIEW:
THE MODERN REALITIES OF SOCIAL WORK**

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose to Committee that East Ayrshire Council is represented at the ADSW Annual Conference, to be held at the Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire from 10-12 May 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Annual Conference is being organised by the Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW).
- 2.2 The programme for this year's conference will focus on exploring the implications and implementation of the 21st Century Review of Social Work.
- 2.3 The proposed programme includes keynote speeches by speakers from a range of disciplines and backgrounds including:
- Scottish Executive Ministers
 - Social Workers
 - CoSLA
 - Trade Unions
- 2.4 In addition there will be the opportunity to participate in workshops including:
- 21st Century Review
 - Alcohol Policy
 - Adult Protection
 - Child Protection and Prosecution
 - Poverty

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost for a full residential conference delegate is £545 exclusive of VAT

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Conference provides an important opportunity to both be briefed on and influence emerging social work issues.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The provision of effective social work services directly supports the Improving Health, Improving Opportunities and Eliminating Poverty themes of the Community Plan.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) The Committee authorise member representation at this conference,
- (ii) Otherwise note the content of this report.

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Director of Educational & Social Services
22 February 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Conference leaflet and draft programme.

A copy of the background paper can be obtained from Jackie Donnelly, Executive Director of Social Work (tel. 01563 576917)

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