

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2006

COSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2006 – 5-7 APRIL 2006 – ST ANDREW'S BAY HOTEL, FIFE

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Sub-Committee consider attendance at the COSLA Annual Conference and Exhibition to take place from 5-7 April 2006 at St Andrew's Bay Hotel, St Andrew's, Fife

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This years Conference is entitled "Public Sector Reform: Our Agenda; Our Future". The programme has been designed to mix traditional speeches from well known figures in political life with opportunities for delegate interaction through a series of 'mini-debates' around Governance Themes. These themes are:

- Organic change
- Separation of Governance from Management
- Centralised to devolve
- New service accountability for Local Government

- 2.2 The Conference will begin at lunchtime on Wednesday 5 April 2006 and will conclude with the COSLA Convention Meeting at lunchtime on Friday 7 April 2006.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a delegate for the full residential Conference, 2 night's accommodation, and attendance at all sessions would be £550 exclusive of VAT.

- 3.2 Flexible attendance options are available at a lower cost.

4. LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS - Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Sub-Committee is invited to:-

- (i) consider the level of representation at the Conference; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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Executive Director of Corporate Support

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9 March 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation from COSLA to attend the Conference.

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

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