

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - DELIVERING LOCAL DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE, 3-4 MARCH 2006, GLASGOW

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub-Committee of an invitation to attend the National Association of Councillors Delivering Local Democracy Conference held from 3 - 4 March 2006 in Glasgow and to ask the Committee to note that due to the timescales involved the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair approved the attendance of Councillors Kelly and Menzies under delegated powers.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** An invitation was received from the National Association of Councillors inviting the Council to attend their conference to be held from 3-4 March 2006 in the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow.
- 2.2** Presentations were made by current and previous secretaries of the Scottish Branch of the Association of Electoral Administrators on how single transferable vote (STV) will apply in the 2007 Local Elections. The event examined how this system had worked in Northern Ireland and what the introduction of STV would mean to Candidates, Communities and Local Authorities in Scotland. A range of speakers gave their experiences and opinions and participated in discussion forums and question and answer sessions with delegates.
- 2.3** The conference began at 2pm on Friday 3 March and concluded following lunch on Saturday 4 March 2006.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The Delegates fee for this conference was £229.13 including VAT.

4. POLICY/LLEGAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES - NIL

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to note the attendance at the conference approved under delegated powers.

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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

3 February 2006
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation from the National Association of Councillors received on 31 January 2006

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on 01563 576129.

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