

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 19TH MAY 2004

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS IN SCOTLAND, 7TH – 10TH JUNE 2004

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Sub-Committee to consider an invitation for the Council to be represented at the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) Conference.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland Conference is an annual conference which provides an opportunity for senior library service staff to explore and discuss the major issues facing library and information services in Scotland and in the UK. It is the only Scottish conference which brings together the senior managers from virtually all public and academic libraries and is a key event in the libraries calendar. It provides a strong programme addressing the major professional issues and the opportunity to share practice and strategy. CILIPS was previously known as the Scottish Library Association.

3. CONFERENCE

- 3.1 The conference programme is entitled "The Power of Partnership" and brings together expertise from across the UK relevant to the rapidly changing environment in which library staff currently work. The programme includes speakers of national and international renown addressing issues at the heart of future service delivery. As well as an impressive array of speakers, the opportunity to network with professional librarians from public, private and academic libraries is invaluable.

- 3.2 The main topics of the conference are:-

- Libraries and Lifelong Learning
- Twenty First Century Government
- Glasgow Health Partnerships
- Networking in the Global Village

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The conference cost is £200 per delegate and an inclusive package including accommodation and meals is £590 plus VAT. Travelling costs are approximately £67. Costs can be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Attendance at this conference meets the “professional updating” criterion specified in senior library staff’s EAGER reviews.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Attendance at this conference is an important opportunity to ensure that East Ayrshire’s library service participates in the shaping of the future for libraries in Scotland and in the UK.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Committee are recommended to:-
- (i) approve attendance at the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals Conference; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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