

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

18th May 2005

THE COALFIELD COMMUNITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Sub-Committee of the Coalfield Communities Campaign Annual Conference to be held between 20th and 22nd September, 2005.

2 CONFERENCE DETAILS

- 2.1** The conference is organised by the Coalfield Communities Campaign. It will be hosted by Fife Council and will be held in Dunfermline. This is a 3 day conference that will run from the morning of Tuesday 20th September through to lunchtime on Thursday 22nd September.

Details of the conference are currently being finalised. The conference is scheduled for a week in which Parliament is not sitting and it is expected that a number of senior politicians will address the conference. Invitations have been sent to Gordon Brown, Jack McConnell, First Minister and Christine May who Chair's the All Member Scottish Parliament Group of Coalfield MSPs.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1** East Ayrshire Council has strongly supported the Coalfield Communities Campaign both at Regional and National levels.

East Ayrshire Council has regularly been represented at the annual conference and this has consistently proven to be of interest and relevance to the wide range of issues faced within the Coalfield area of East Ayrshire.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The cost of the Annual Conference has yet to be confirmed. However the Annual Conference in 2004 cost £365 per delegate for CCC Member Authorities. It is anticipated that this year's conference will be of a similar cost.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** There are no immediate legal implications from the recommendations contained in this Report.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1** It is recommended that the Sub-Committee consider attendance to the Annual Conference of the Coalfield Communities Campaign.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Advanced Notice of CCC Conference for 2005.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper listed above, or discuss this report, should contact David Hewet on 01563 554608.

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