

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN SCOTLAND – TWO DAY CONFERENCE – 17-18 MAY 2005 - EDINBURGH

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee (i) of an invitation to attend a two-day conference organised by the Scottish Executive entitled "Infrastructure Investment in Scotland" to be held from 17 to 18 May 2005 at the Edinburgh Conference Centre; and (ii) to note that two places have been booked for the conference in terms of the Chief Executive's delegated authority.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The conference will concentrate on two main aims – to engage the public and private sectors in a detailed shared awareness of the Executive's plans for infrastructure investment in the longer term and the opportunities they present and secondly to provide a platform for the sharing of expertise in delivery techniques between the public and private sector.
- 2.2** The conference will feature key note addresses by Scottish Ministers as well as detailed case studies and panel discussions involving leading industry and public sector experts.
- 2.3** The invitation to attend was received on 3 May 2005 with the conference being held on 17 to 18 May. Due to there being no suitable meeting before the date of the conference at which the request could have been considered, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, exercised her delegated authority to deal with the invitation and arranged to have two places booked for one Member and one Officer for both days.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The cost for a delegate to attend the conference is £300 excluding VAT.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to note that two places have been booked for an Elected Member and an Officer to attend the two day Infrastructure in Scotland Conference from 17-18 May 2005 in terms of the Chief Executive's delegated authority.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation from Scottish Executive to attend conference.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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