

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MEMBER SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE
5th MAY, 2006**

**COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee that:-

- (a) The National Executive Committee Meeting of the Coalfield Communities Campaign scheduled to be held in Kilmarnock on 28th April, 2006 was in the event hosted by Wakefield MDC because of the timetabling of the rolling programme of industrial action proposed by the Trade Unions; and
- (b) It is now proposed that East Ayrshire Council host a meeting of the National Executive Committee later in the year.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 7th September, 2005 the Member Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (i) That East Ayrshire Council host the CCC National Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 28th April, 2006 and approved a budget of a maximum of £775.00 based on current prices; and
- (ii) To remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to finalise arrangements with the CCC National Secretariat.

2.2 In accordance with the Committee approval discussions were held with the CCC National Secretariat and arrangements were made for the CCC National Executive Committee Meeting to be held at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on 28 April, 2006.

2.3 However, the Trade Unions planned a rolling programme of regional strike action between 25th April and 27th April, 2006. Whilst Wednesday 26th April, 2006 was designated as the strike day for Scotland, Thursday 27th April, 2006 was designated for a number of the Regions in England. This would have meant that the many Elected Members and officers from England, including the National Secretariat, who would have been unable to travel on 27th April to Kilmarnock and would therefore have been unable to attend the meeting.

2.4 Following discussions with the Secretariat of the CCC it was agreed that, given the above circumstances, it would be appropriate to rearrange the venue of the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for 28th April, 2006 to a more central location and Wakefield MDC agreed to host the meeting.

3. NEW PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is now proposed that East Ayrshire Council host a future meeting of the National Executive Committee later in the year, the date to be agreed. It would be proposed to hold the meeting in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock subject to availability.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is estimated that the cost of the meeting can be met from the budget previously approved by the Sub-committee.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no immediate legal implications from the recommendations contained within this report.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:-
- (1) Note the circumstances which led to the CCC National Executive Committee Meeting on 28th April, 2006 being hosted by Wakefield MDC instead of East Ayrshire Council.
 - (2) To agree that East Ayrshire Council hosts a future meeting of the CCC National Executive committee later in the year.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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