

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2004

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE - 19-21 NOVEMBER 2004, NOVOTEL, BRISTOL

Report by Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Councillors.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Annual General Meeting and Conference will take place from 19-21 November 2004 at the Novotel, Bristol.
- 2.2 The AGM and Conference begins formally on Friday 19 November at 11am with the AGM and an address by Councillor Peter Mole, the General Secretary of the NAC and reports from the Women's Officer, Councillor Ruth Simpson, on the Restoring the Balance Campaign and on the broader Parliamentary work of the Association with Grahame Morris, the NAC Parliamentary Officer.
- 2.3 The theme of the Conference is "Strengthening Local Democracy" and Conference will begin with an examination of the Government's view of how local democracy can be renewed with a keynote address from the Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP, Minister of State for Local Government in the Office of the Depute Prime Minister.
- 2.4 In addition to the organised visit to some of the regeneration projects on the Waterfront, a number of workshops are included in the Conference programme including "A Personal Safety Guide for Councillors" and "Mounting an Effective Voter Registration and Awareness Campaign for All Postal Elections".

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the delegates to attend the AGM is £346.63 including VAT. This amount does not include accommodation charges.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the level of representation at the Conference; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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30 August 2004

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the National Association of Councillors

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

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