

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBER'S SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE (POLICY AND RESOURCES) : 30 AUGUST 2005

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW) CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2005 27 – 28 OCTOBER 2005

“MANAGING RISK IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT”

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose to Committee that East Ayrshire Council is represented at the ADSW – Criminal Justice Bi-annual Conference 2005 to be held at the Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire from 27 – 28 October 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Bi-Annual Conference is organised by the Association of Directors of Social Work and is a key conference for Social Work Criminal Justice Services.
- 2.2 The Programme for this year's Conference will focus on the key theme of “Managing Risk in a Changing Environment”.
- 2.3 The key theme reflects the determination to make society a safer place and will focus particularly on the significant changes within the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill which was introduced in March 2005. This Bill aims to support a reduction in levels of re-offending in Scotland through improving the management of offenders by greater integration of the work of the Criminal Justice agencies.
- 2.4 The Conference will include a range of speakers and participant symposiums reflecting the key themes of this event.
- 2.5 The event is designed for Practitioners, Managers and Elected Members.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a full residential conference delegate is £376.00 inclusive of VAT.

4. LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This Conference provides informed national comment and guidance on Social Work Criminal Justice Practice, Policy and Development.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) authorise member representation at this conference; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

John Mulgrew
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services
19 August 2005
Enc (0)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Conference Leaflet

For further information please contact:
Sally Ann Kelly, Senior Manager Children and Families and Criminal Justice,
telephone: 01563 576907

IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER: JACKIE DONNELLY