

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

EVENTFUL SCOTLAND, 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: WASTE TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – MAKING THE TRANSITION

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Sub-Committee to consider an invitation for the Council to be represented at the 5th Annual Conference of Eventful Scotland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Five years ago the Chartered Institution of Waste Management, the Scottish Environmental Services Association, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and Caledonian Environment Centre formed a project partnership to recognise exceptional achievements in the Scottish Waste Industry. The focal point of the partnership is to organise an Annual Conference and Exhibition and the 5th Annual Conference will be held in Glasgow on 3rd -4th October 2006.

- 2.2 The published programme for the Conference includes a number of current waste management topics which are of interest to the Council with speakers from COSLA, SESA, SEPA and the Scottish Executive. These speakers will deal with a range of issues which arise from the development of the National Waste Strategy and the delivery of the National Waste Plan.

The programme will also include presentations from speakers from other parts of the UK highlighting the impact of improved recycling and waste diversion on their communities.

- 2.3 Topics under discussion will include the contributions from Scotland Council's; changing waste policies; strategic waste funds and delivery – the next stages; financing options; public attitudes to reduce, reuse and recycle; waste-energy-resource; thermal treatment an intelligent future; anaerobic digestion; and gasification etc.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The topics to be dealt with in the programme are of particular interest to the Council at a time when the Strategic Outline Case prepared by the three Ayrshire Council's for residual waste treatment is currently before the Scottish Executive.
- 3.2 The majority of speakers are highly respected in their particular field and offer an opportunity for the Council to remain updated on the current development of the National Waste Strategy.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The delegate fee for attending this conference is £280.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Community Plan commits the Council to identify and implement best practice in terms of waste minimisation, reuse and recycling. Attendance at the Conference would be consistent with these objectives.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The Council has received an invitation to be represented at the 5th Annual Conference of Eventful Scotland: Waste to Resource Management – Making the Transition.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Sub-Committee is invited to:-
 - (i) Consider the response to the invitation to be represented at this conference; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Email from Caledonian Environment Centre to Council dated 22 August 2006.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask to speak to John Crawford, Head of Protective Services.

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