

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - HEALTHY SCOTLAND 2006 SEMINAR 9 – 10 NOVEMBER 2006, PEEBLES HYDRO HOTEL**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-committee of an invitation for the Council to attend the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Healthy Communities – Healthy Scotland seminar which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Peebles Hydro Hotel.

### **2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 The seminar's objective is to communicate and share Best Practice from across Councils and their community partners involving stakeholders from across a range of services such as Sports & Leisure, Catering & Cleaning, Facilities Management, Health Promotion, Education Services and Sports Development. The goal is to focus all of the above energies and expertise collectively to tackle the fundamental nutrition, health and lifestyle issues facing Scotland today.
- 2.2 The co-ordinated two day event will cover a range of public sector planning and delivery issues including:-
- The latest linked policy and funding information from Government on a range of Health, Nutrition and Lifestyle initiatives.
  - The inclusive approach – linking strategy to delivery, and delivery to strategy.
  - Case study based workshops, examining the latest thinking behind service structures, priorities and shared resources.
  - The ongoing identification, examining and proactive responses to future challenges in the health, nutrition and lifestyle agenda.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The full delegate fee is £199 plus VAT excluding accommodation. Accommodation inclusive of two nights is £118.00

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The content of the seminar is in accord with the Community Plan's aspirations for improving health, partnership working and achieving together.

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

6.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to be represented at the APSE seminar: Healthy Communities – Healthy Scotland seminar on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Peebles.

6.2 The programme for the seminar contains a range of issues which are of topical interest to the Council.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 It is recommended that the Sub-committee considers attendance at the two day APSE Seminar: Healthy Communities – Healthy Scotland 2006.

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10<sup>th</sup> August 2006

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Invitation and programme circulated by the Association for Public Service Excellence in July 2006.

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