

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 SEPTEMBER 2001

GOLDEN JUBILEE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Sub-Committee's approval for the arrangements for the Golden Jubilee Public Holiday which has been agreed for 3 June 2002.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 An additional one-off public holiday has been granted for Monday 3 June 2002 to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee. This holiday will follow the traditional end of May Bank Holiday weekend on Friday 24 and Monday 27 May 2002.
- 2.2 The organisation of public holidays is a matter for each Council. The arrangements for the Golden Jubilee Holiday included the opportunity to move the 27 May public holiday to Tuesday 4 June 2002. The Head of Personnel has consulted neighbouring authorities as well as those within the former SRC area and it would appear that most (if not all) have decided to keep both public holiday periods separate thus maintaining a May weekend (24 and 27 May) and the additional Golden Jubilee Holiday on 3 June 2002.
- 2.3 The Senior Staff Management Team considered the Golden Jubilee holiday arrangements at their meetings on 6 August and 3 September 2001 and agreed that the Council should be asked to approve local arrangements which establish next year's public holiday arrangements as including a May weekend (24 and 27 May 2002) and the additional Golden Jubilee holiday on 3 June 2002.

3 CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- 3.1 COSLA has intimated that 3 June 2002 will be regarded as a public holiday for payment purposes and therefore employees who are expected to work on that day will be paid premium rates and be given a day off in lieu.
- 3.2 This agreement is similar to the payment arrangements already agreed for Local Government employees, police officers in England and Wales, and fire fighters in the UK who are expected to work on the Golden Jubilee holiday.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The additional costs involved in paying premium rates and providing time-off in lieu to those employees who are required to work on the 3 June 2002 will require to be met from departments existing 2002/2003 budgets.

5 POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Sub-Committee is requested to:-

- (a) refer to Council the matter of approving local arrangements which establish next year's public holiday arrangements as including a May Holiday weekend (24 and 27 May 2002) and the additional Golden Jubilee Holiday on 3 June 2002;
- (b) instruct the Head of Personnel to communicate the national agreement for the Golden Jubilee Holiday 2002 and related payment arrangements to employees at the earliest possible date; and
- (c) otherwise note the content of this report.

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13 September 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence received from COSLA dated 23 August 2001.

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AGENDA