

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - 19 OCTOBER 2000

21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT

Report by Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the nomination of an elected member and an officer of the Council to act as advocates for the progression towards 21st Century Government.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 21st Century Government for Scotland will be about working in partnership, openness and accountability, inclusion and delivery. The Scottish Executive has set itself 4 challenges:-

- to encourage innovation and creativity in government;
- to identify and remove blockages that prevent the public sector from being modern;
- to encourage the sharing of knowledge;
- to put the citizen at the centre of what we do.

- 2.2 CoSLA have helped to set up a 21st Century Central/Local Government Forum which Peter Peacock, Depute Minister for Children and Education will Chair. This Forum has a general remit to oversee the progress of 21st Century Government generally and the first meeting has already been held with Ministers on 11 September.

- 2.3 CoSLA have requested each Local Authority to identify a senior elected member and a senior officer who would act as advocates for this important area of work. The advocates would also oversee the development at Local Authority level of an Action Plan on 21st Century Government including e-service delivery by the end of March 2001.

- 2.4 CoSLA have also confirmed that nominees for the identified advocates may also be intimidated.

3. **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** - Nil in respect of this report.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS** - The proposal supports the Council's vision of expanding service delivery through new technology (ie the worldwideweb)

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is recommended that Council:-

- (i) nominate a senior elected member and a senior official (and if required identify nominees respectively) to act as advocates for 21st Century Government; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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Chief Executive

9 October 2000
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from CoSLA dated 27 July 2000.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer on (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact David Montgomery, Chief Executive on (01563) 576000.

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AGENDA