

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2001**

#### **THE BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE CONFERENCE**

##### **Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To request that Sub-Committee consider member representation at the Better Government for Older People Conference in Edinburgh on 9 February 2001.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The "Better Government for Older People" is a Cabinet Office initiative launched in 1998. The programme's aim is to improve public services for older people by better meeting their needs, listening to their views, and encouraging and recognising their contribution to society.
- 2.2 The Council agreed to join the Scottish network of the Better Government for Older People initiative on 4 May 2000 at Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.3 In June 2000 a report called "All Our Futures" was launched at Westminster. This contained 28 recommendations from the Better Government for Older People Advisory Steering Committee. The Government and the Scottish Executive agreed to consider the recommendations and formally respond by February 2001.
- 2.4 The conference in Edinburgh will be a ministerial address with the response from the Scottish Executive.
- 2.5 As well as Member attendance, the representation from the Elderly Forums in East Ayrshire and an officer from the Council will also be at the one day conference.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Other than travel arrangements there is no charge for attendance.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 It is considered important that a member be in attendance at this high profile event.

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**25 January 2001**  
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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Better Government for Older People Report  
All Our Futures

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**AGENDA**