

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 30 JANUARY 2002**

**CoSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH - FRIDAY 22 MARCH
2002, CRIEFF HYDRO HOTEL**

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub-Committee of an invitation received from CoSLA to attend the CoSLA Annual Conference.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The CoSLA Annual Conference will take place at Crieff Hydro from Wednesday 20 March to Friday 22 March 2002. The theme of the conference will be "Serving Scotland - Transforming Public Services". In that context, they will be looking at the role and funding of Local Government as well as the role and involvement of the private Sector. There will also be the opportunity to look at the role of government in transforming public services and the relationship between Local Government, Central Government and the Scottish Parliament. Further issues will be the modernisation agenda as well as working across organisational boundaries and the links with moves to modernise local democracy and the impending white paper.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a delegate for the full residential conference which would include accommodation on 20 and 21 March and attendance at all sessions, including the CoSLA Convention Meeting on 22 March plus tea/coffee on all three days and a drinks reception and dinner on 20 and 21 March 2002 is £475. However, flexible attendance options are available at a lower cost.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - NIL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is invited to :-
- (i) consider the level of representation at the conference; and
 - (ii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

22 January 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation from CoSLA received on 10 January 2002.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on telephone number (01563) 576019.

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AGENDA