

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2002

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE REGIONS COALFIELDS CONFERENCE

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Sub-Committee of the DTLR Coalfields Conference to be held on 18 March 2002 at Riccall, near Selby.

2 CONFERENCE DETAILS

- 2.1** The aim of the conference is to set out and discuss the strategic approaches needed to address the social, economic and environmental problems still facing the Coalfield Communities. Its main purpose will be to look to a shared vision for the future.
- 2.2** The event will be chaired by Sally Keeble, Minister for Regeneration, and a keynote speech will be made by Steven Byers, Secretary of State for the Transport, Local Government and the Regions.
- 2.3** Although the conference will cover just England, the Coalfields Communities Campaign has suggested that CCC representatives from Scotland and Wales may wish to be kept informed of the English experience and have therefore indicated that their participation in the event would be welcome.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1** This conference will focus entirely on reviewing progress in regeneration in the English Coalfields. It is expected that a report on the conference will be prepared and this will allow the authority the opportunity to be kept abreast of regeneration activity in the English Coalfields. In the circumstances, attendance at the one-day conference is not regarded as being necessary.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1** It is recommended that East Ayrshire Council be not represented at this conference.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Advanced Notice of the DTLR Coalfields Conference.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper listed above, or discuss this report, should contact David Hewet on 01563 554608.

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AGENDA