

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2003

APSE BUILDING SERVICES ANNUAL SEMINAR 4 - 6 FEBRUARY 2003, PEEBLES

Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To request that the Sub-Committee consider attendance at the Annual Conference of the Scottish Association for Public Service Excellence (formerly ADLO) Building Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Scottish Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) has advised authorities that the annual conference of the institute will take place in Peebles Hydro on 4th to 6th February 2003. The theme of the conference is "A New Future for Public Housing" and the programme has been structured to include specialist sessions on a range of current issues in addition to keynote speakers.
- 2.2** In particular the conference aims to inform the public sector on the future development of social housing in Scotland, moving from the early views of widespread voluntary transfer to the issue of stock retention. Key speakers will address a wide range of issues such as Retention and Funding Options, the role of Commercial Services and the Latest Political Perspectives on Future Public Service Delivery.
- 2.3** Accordingly the conference this year is considered to be particularly relevant to Officers and Elected Members who are involved in Housing and Building Services and will afford delegates the opportunity to examine the way ahead for DLO'S.
- 2.4** There are a range of APSE conferences held throughout the year but it has been the practice to restrict attendance to the two conferences which offer the maximum advantage to the Authority and to the Building and Works Division. The APSE Building Services Annual Seminar is one of the two where representation is recommended.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The delegate fee for this conference is £369.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** It is considered that the conference would be of benefit to the Council and Committee is requested to approve the attendance of an Elected Member.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1.** Conference Brochure from the APSE Building Services Annual Seminar.

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