

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 JANUARY 2003**

#### **AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN NHS BOARD - REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECEPTION**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To advise the Sub-Committee of "A Bridge To Vision" conference which is to take place on 18 and 19 March 2003 in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock and to request that the Sub-Committee consider hosting a civic reception prior to the conference dinner on 18 March 2003 in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board, in conjunction with the Royal National Institute of the Blind, are hosting a national conference to take place on 18 and 19 March 2003 in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

- 2.2** The conference aims to:-

- raise awareness of hidden needs in relation to learning disabilities and visual impairments;
- inform and influence change in the national and local planning processes;
- remove barriers to inclusion through influencing partnership and policy reviews, learning disability reviews and sensing progress documents;
- highlight the benefits of joint/partnership working;
- influence shared assessments and shared care arrangements between Voluntary Organisations, Health Services, Social Work Services, Housing and Education; and
- inform the training of professional to develop best practice.

- 2.3** Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board has asked if East Ayrshire Council would be interested in hosting a pre-dinner drinks reception prior to the conference dinner on 18 March 2003 in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1** The reception would be attended by approximately 150 people attending the conference and will cost approximately £400.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL**

## **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** Council protocol for determining Council representation at such civic events, approved by Council on 27 June 2002, covers requests of this nature and in accordance with the protocol it would be appropriate for the Provost to host the event.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board to host a civic reception on 18 March 2003 in the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

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Depute Chief Executive/  
Director of Corporate Resources

17 December 2002  
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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1.** Letter from Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board dated 29 November 2002.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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