

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

COSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH TO FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2003, ST ANDREWS BAY HOTEL, ST ANDREWS, FIFE

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF THE 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 St Andrews Bay Hotel, St Andrews, Fife from Wednesday 26 March to Friday 28 March 2003. This years conference is entitled "Making Connections in a devolved Scotland" and will explore key areas for Local Government such as making the political Connection in a devolved Scotland with the Parliament and Scottish Executive: How this impacts on influencing the UK agenda and the lessons learned from Devolution and the image of Local Government, presented to Scotland's people by the Press.

3. FINANCIAL CONVICTIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a delegate for the full residential conference which would include two night accommodation, attendance at the main conference dinner on Wednesday 26 March and at the more informal dinner on Thursday 27 March plus tea/coffee on all three days is £495.00. 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

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Depute Chief Executive/Corporate Resources

CB/KC
22 January 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

(i) Invitation from Cosla received on 22 January 2003

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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