

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE - 7-9 FEBRUARY 2003, AYR

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 to attend the National Association of Councillors Conference.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Association of Councillors Conference will take place from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 February 2003 at Ayr and will have 3 inter-related themes namely Transport, Tourism and Energy.
- 2.2 The Conference commences with Registration at 5 pm on Friday and ends following lunch on Sunday. The Conference Dinner on Saturday will take the form of a traditional Burns Supper.
- 2.3 Speakers at the Conference will include the Right Honourable Brian Wilson MP, Minister of State for Energy, George Foulkes MP, Carrick, Cumnock and Doon, Mr Ian Lavery, President of the National Union of Mineworkers, Kathleen McBride, Sperrins Tourism, Northern Ireland. There will also be speakers from Sea Containers, UK Coal Producers, The British Airports Authority and a Member of the Scottish Parliament. There will be opportunities to question speakers and participate in panel discussions, and there will also be "considerable opportunity for networking and the sharing of experiences".

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a delegate to attend the Conference is £293.75 including VAT. This amount does not include accommodation charges.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources

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9 January 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the National Association of Councillors received in 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) 576013.

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