

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2004

APSE BUILDING SERVICES ANNUAL SEMINAR 4 – 6 FEBRUARY 2004, 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 APSE Building Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Scottish APSE has advised authorities that the annual conference of the institute will take place in Peebles Hydro on 4th to 6th February 2004. The theme of the conference is “Re-Building Scotland’s Communities” and the programme had 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 not about the latest threat, but about the more positive future role currently being mapped out to re-generate Scotland’s communities, which are being delivered at present, by a range of services working in partnership under a common theme on behalf of the communities. Other key themes include
- Funding & Building Public Projects in Scotland
 - Models for Community Planning
 - Excellence in Procurement
 - Trading for a Better Future”
- 2.3 Accordingly the conference this year is considered to be particularly relevant for Officers and Elected Members who are involved in 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 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 therefore request approval for an Elected Member to attend.

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18 December 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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