

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

COSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 10-12 MARCH 2004, ST ANDREW'S BAY HOTEL, ST ANDREW'S BAY, FIFE

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the 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 be held from 10-12 March 2004 at St Andrew's Bay Hotel, St Andrew's Bay, Fife.
- 2.2 This year's Conference is entitled "Local Democracy: From Strength to Strength" and will look at the Agenda being put forward for the second term of the Scottish Executive's debate whether it will mean a strengthened Local Government in four years time or whether we will be in a weaker position.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost for a delegate for the full residential Conference which would include two nights accommodation, attendance at all sessions, including the CoSLA Convention Dinner on 12 March, tea/coffee and lunch on 10, 11 and 12 and drinks reception and dinner on 10 and 11 March would be £499 plus VAT.
- 3.2 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, to note the contents of the report.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

20 January 2004

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation from CoSLA received on 20 January 2004.

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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