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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

23 MAY 2001

COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Sub-Committee of the Coalfield Communities Campaign Annual Conference to be held on 10 – 12 September 2001.

2 CONFERENCE DETAILS

- 2.1** The Annual Conference is to be held in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, 10 – 12 September 2001.

- 2.2** The Conference will focus on a number of issues including:-

- ◆ John Prescott's Coalfields Initiatives
- ◆ Miners Pensions Funds
- ◆ Government and EU Aid
- ◆ Coal Industry
- ◆ Lottery awards
- ◆ Education and Health

- 2.3** Keynote speakers include the Right Honourable Stephen Byers, MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (awaiting confirmation) and Ed Balls, Chief Advisor to the Treasury.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1** East Ayrshire Council has strongly supported the Coalfield Communities Campaign both at Regional and National levels. East Ayrshire Council has regularly been represented at the Annual Conference which has invariably proven to be of interest and relevance to the issues faced within the coalfield area within East Ayrshire.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The cost of the Annual Conference is £365 per head, exclusive of overnight accommodation, breakfast or dinner.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no immediate legal implications from the recommendations contained in this report.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee consider Members attendance at the Annual Conference of the Coalfield Communities Campaign.

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12 April 2001

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Advance notice of Annual Conference 2001.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper listed above, or discuss this report, should contact David Hewet on 01563 554608.

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