

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE -23RD MAY 2001

19TH ANNUAL CONGRESS -THE ROYAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of a request for the Council to be represented at a National Congress.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland is the professional body for Environmental Health Officers in Scotland and promotes and encourages debate and discussion on matters of interest.
- 2.2 The 19th Annual Congress of the Institute will be held in the Newton Hotel and Highland Conference Centre, Nairn from 28th to 31st May 2001.
- 2.3 The programme includes a number of topical environmental health matters which are of interest to the Council at the present time including public health in Scotland; infection control; accidents in the Local Authority enforced workplace; smoking in the workplace; body piercing; air quality and its impact on health; waste regulation and health implications of living near landfills; climate change; public health consequences of flooding; genetically modified food; and the Food Standards Agency -first year report.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The programme is diverse, wide ranging and deals with a wide range of issues which are within the remit of the Community Services Committee and a number of which have been the subject of reports in the last few years.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The delegate rate is £395.

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Council has been invited to be represented at the 19th Annual Congress of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland to be held in Nairn from 28th to 31st May 2001.
- 6.2 The programme contains a wide range of topics which are of the interest to the Council at the present time.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Committee is invited to:-
- (i) consider the invitation to be represented at this conference; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the report.

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20th April 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from REHIS Chief Executive dated 13th April 2001.
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AGENDA