

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
MEMBERS SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE
22ND MAY, 2002**

**COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2002**

Report by Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Sub-Committee of the Coalfield Communities Campaign Annual Conference 2002 to be held between 16th and 18th September, 2002 at The Lowry, Salford Quays.

2. CONFERENCE DETAILS

- 2.1 This is a 3 day conference which will focus on issues of particular reference to Coalfield Communities:-
- Community regeneration
 - Educational under attainment
 - Health in deprived communities
 - The future of the coal industry
 - A time of change for the Lottery
 - The planning green paper

- 2.2 The conference will also include study tours to regeneration projects and coalfield heritage trips.

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 that 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, except for the conference 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 attendance of one member to the Annual conference of the Coalfield Communities Campaign.

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Background Papers

1. Advance booking form for the Annual Conference 2002.

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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AGENDA