

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 21ST MAY 2003

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS IN SCOTLAND, 2ND – 5TH JUNE 2003

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Sub-Committee to consider an invitation for the Council to be represented at the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) Conference.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland Conference is an annual conference which provides an opportunity for senior library service to explore and discuss the major issues facing library and information services in Scotland and in the UK. It is the only Scottish conference which brings together the senior managers from virtually all public and academic libraries and is a key event in the libraries calendar. It provides a strong programme addressing the major professional issues and the opportunity to share practice and strategy. CILIPS was previously known as the Scottish Library Association.

3. CONFERENCE

- 3.1 The conference programme is entitled "Celebrating the Past: Building the Future" and brings together expertise from across the UK relevant to the rapidly changing environment in which library staff currently work. The programme includes speakers of national and international renown addressing issues at the heart of future service delivery. As well as an impressive array of speakers, the opportunity to network with professional librarians from public, private and academic libraries is invaluable.

- 3.2 The main topics of the conference are:-

- Moving towards digital libraries
- Learning Environments – real versus virtual
- Adult Literacy, basic needs and initiatives
- Exploiting the People's Network

The final day provides a forum for specialist library groups to hold seminars and information exchanges on a wide range of topics such as Reader Development, Homework Clubs, Cataloguing Standards and Legal Deposit Regulations for Electronic Materials.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The conference cost is £195 per delegate and an inclusive package including accommodation and meals is £564 plus VAT. Travelling costs are approximately £67. Costs can be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Attendance at this conference meets the “professional updating” criterion specified in senior library staff’s EAGER reviews.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Attendance at this conference is an important opportunity to ensure that East Ayrshire’s library service participates in the shaping of the future for libraries in Scotland and in the UK.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee considers attendance at the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland Conference.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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