

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 5 NOVEMBER 2003

CIPFA IN SCOTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2/3 MARCH 2004 EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

Report by the Director of Finance

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1** To advise Members of the forthcoming CIPFA in Scotland Conference which will be held at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 2 and 3 March 2004

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The theme of the Conference is "Raising Standards at the Heart of Public Services" and topics such as "Raising Standards in Leadership", "Accountability", "Productivity and "Performance" and "Initiatives on Outsourcing Shared Financial Services and Community Regeneration" will be covered. The speakers include Steve Gibson (President – Urban Place Consulting Group USA), Harry Templeton (Director – Public Concern at Work Scottish Office), Rod Aldridge (Executive Chairman – Capita) and George Black (Chief Executive – Glasgow City Council)
- 2.2** The Conference may be of relevance to Elected Members and Officers and the Council may wish to be represented.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The Conference fee, including conference sessions, meals, receptions and accommodation is £450.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** The Members' Services Sub Committee is asked to consider the Council being represented at the Conference.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1** Copy of Outline Conference Programme is available on request from the Director of Finance.