

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 6-7 NOVEMBER 2003, NEWTON HOTEL, NAIRN

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of the Children in Scotland's Annual Conference to be held from 6-7 November 2003 at the Newton Hotel, Nairn.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Conference is entitled "Getting to Know You: Children and Young People Building Relationships" and will explore how children develop the relationships which underpin their success in later life and contribute to their general health and well being.
- 2.2 On the second day of the Conference, Professor Richard Wilkinson, from the University of Nottingham Medical School, will deliver a keynote speech on how relating well to others benefits the health of children and young people, and how damaging poor relationships can be on young people.
- 2.3 In addition, Dr Richard Majors, Head of Learning and Support at the University of Glasgow, will share his thoughts on building better relationships within schools and other services which will be of particular interest to those involved in the roll-out of the new Community Schools approach across Scotland.
- 2.4 The main one day Conference will be preceded by the opportunity to visit services around Highland and to take part in activities organised in the conference hotel.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The conference fee is £180. Accommodation fees and attendance at the Reception/Dinner are additional.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider attendance at the conference.

John Mulgrew
Director of Educational & Social Services

CB/JW
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter of invitation from Children Scotland dated 24 September 2003.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support on (01563) 576104. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services on (01563) 576017.

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