

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2000**

**SEMINAR FOR THE SCOTTISH HEALTH SECTOR AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
ON VOLUNTEERING POLICIES "AT ONE WITH VOLUNTEERS" -
1 NOVEMBER 2000, EDINBURGH**

Report by Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to enable members of the Sub-Committee to consider attendance at the above seminar.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The seminar is being organised jointly by Volunteer Development Scotland and Volunteer Bureau Scotland in partnership with COSLA and the Scottish Executive (Health Department and Voluntary Issues Unit) and will be held between 0930-1400 hours on Wednesday 1 November 2000 at the Scottish Executive, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh.
- 2.2 The aim of the seminar is to highlight how joint approaches to volunteering can cut through the cultural challenges of inter-agency working. Building on the existing work of local authorities and the NHS on volunteering policies, the seminar will encourage the sharing of this experience and help to identify areas where an integrated approach will benefit the public. The conference will be addressed by Susan Deacon, Minister for Health and Community Care and Jackie Baillie, Depute Minister for Communities. The seminar will herald the start of a series of local "At One with Volunteers" events across Scotland over the coming year, which will focus on the lessons learned from joint implementation and partnership working.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is no cost associated with attending this Seminar other than members' allowances in accordance with the agreed Scheme.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In view of the recent decisions taken by the Council to support the establishment of a Local Volunteer Development Agency and to agree a policy on volunteering (Policy and Resources Committee, Item 7, Page 1092), the Sub-Committee may wish to consider attendance at the Conference.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that the Sub-Committee consider representation at this seminar.

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Director of Corporate Resources

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter dated 7 July 2000 from Volunteer Development Scotland.

Any person wishing to inspect background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer on (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

AGENDA