

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 12 SEPTEMBER

THE TRADING STANDARDS INSTITUTE (SCOTTISH BRANCH) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-Committee of a request that the Council be represented at the above event.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Trading Standards Institute (TSI) is the professional body representing Trading Standards Officers throughout the United Kingdom and conducts training and education for Trading Standards staff as well as promoting Trading Standards issues generally.
- 2.2 The Trading Standards Institute (Scottish Branch) holds an Annual Conference and this year the event will be held at the Jarvis Caledonian Hotel, Ayr on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 November 2001.
- 2.3 Topics for this year's conference include:
- Performance Measurement - Audit Scotland
 - Dealing with Foot and Mouth Crisis - Dumfries and Galloway
 - Lessons from Foot and Mouth Crisis - SERAD
 - Perception of Trading Standards - Federation of Small Businesses
 - Improving Regulation in Scotland - Scottish Executive

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Conference provides an opportunity for Councillors and professional staff to meet both formally and informally to debate current Trading Standards issues.
- 3.2 It would be in the interest of the Council to be represented at the event.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The residential conference fee is £220 per delegate and the non-residential conference fee for the two days is £140 (£70 for TSI members).

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The Council has been invited to be represented at the Annual Conference of the Trading Standards Institute (Scottish Branch) to be held in Ayr on 2 November 2001.

7.2 The Conference will be addressed by speakers of the highest calibre on current Trading Standards issues which are of interest to the Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Sub-Committee is invited to:

- (i) note the report, and
- (ii) consider the request for representation at this Conference.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the Trading Standards Institute (Scottish Branch) dated 12 July 2001.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone John Crawford, Head of Protective Services on 576111

AGENDA