

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2001

AYRSHIRE LEARNING DISABILITY CONFERENCE

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of an invitation for the Council to be represented at a one day seminar.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Executive's review of services for people with learning disabilities "The Same As You" requires that local authorities and their partners in the National Health Service draw up a Partnership in Practice Agreement by the 1 June 2001.
- 2.2 As part of this process a seminar has been arranged which will include service users, carers, elected members and staff from local authorities and the health service to look at the priorities and recommendations which will be contained in the proposed Partnership in Practice Agreement.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The National Review of services for people with learning disabilities sets out a challenging agenda for local authorities and their partners which will fundamentally change the life and aspirations of people with learning disabilities and will include:
- the majority of people with learning disabilities living in the community with appropriate support
 - much less formal day care and many more day opportunities provided through accessing mainstream education, leisure and employment
 - many more people with learning disabilities having real jobs and others having a range of employment opportunities
 - more children educated in mainstream schools.
- 3.2 A number of people who have a learning disability and their carers will present their vision of the future at the conference.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The aims and objectives of the seminar are consistent with those of the Council Plan; East Ayrshire Community Care Plan and East Ayrshire Children's Service Plan.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Council has been invited to be represented at the seminar recognising that the outcome of the seminar has implications across a range of Council services.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is invited to:

- (i) consider the level of representation at the seminar; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. "The Same As You?" A Review of Services for People with Learning Disabilities

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AGENDA