

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**22 FEBRUARY 2001**

**HOUSING AND THE PLANNING SYSTEM IN SCOTLAND**

**Report by Director of Development Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 Capital Conferences Scotland have organised a one-day conference entitled "Housing and the Planning System in Scotland" to examine the housing implications of Planning policies, the conference to be held at the City Chambers, Edinburgh on Wednesday 28 March 2001.

2.2 The Speakers at the conference comprise:-

- Cathy Jamieson MSP Deputy Leader of the Scottish Labour Party
- Robin Harper MSP Green Party
- Prof. Glen Bramley, School of Planning and Housing Edinburgh College of Art
- Bob Millar Chief Executive Scottish Homes
- Councillor Bob Cairns Convenor of Planning City of Edinburgh Council
- Ken Ross Scottish House Builders Association
- Len Freedman Solicitor Harper Macleod
- Derek Gauld Development Officer City of York Council
- Brian Gregan Managing Director Home in Scotland

**3. DISCUSSION**

3.1 The planning process is coming under increasing pressure and scrutiny in Scotland and the Scottish Executive is currently renewing NPPG 3: Land for Housing, the review drawing on the findings of recent research. The conference is timed to help shape national and local planning strategies and will bring together leading players in Scotland to address such issues as:-

- The Policies of Planning for Social Inclusion
- Achieving Affordable Houses – the York Experience
- Creating Land Value in Community Regeneration
- The Housing Implications of Planning Policy

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The cost of the conference is £145.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil.

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The aims and objectives of the conference are consistent with East Ayrshire Council's Strategic approach to Housing and Planning Policy formulation.

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 The Council has been invited to be represented at a conference on "Housing and the Planning System in Scotland" to be held on 28 March 2001 in Edinburgh and organised by Capital Conference Scotland.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1 The Committee is invited to**

- (i) consider the level of representation at the conference; and**
- (ii) otherwise note the report.**

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Communication from Capital Conference Scotland giving conference details.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers above should contact Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Building control on (01563) 576767.

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**AGENDA**