

REPORT TO: Community Planning Implementation Group

MEETING DATE: 13 November 2006

BY: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Annual Conference

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform CPIG of initial planning for the Annual Conference.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 CPIG members are asked to encourage attendance by appropriate colleagues.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As with the Community Engagement workshop, the Annual Conference is jointly badged as Community Planning/Learning Partnership sessions.
- 3.2 The annual conference will take place on **11 December** at Winton House, Pencaitland when it is proposed to discuss and finalise the draft Community Engagement Strategy (see earlier item on CPIG agenda). A second theme of the conference will be on alternative models for Localised Community Planning. This discussion will be led by Coryn Barclay of Fife Council, who will outline Fife's experiences of 3 different pilot projects on this theme.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 CPIG has a commitment to develop localised community planning suitable for East Lothian. These discussions will assist in the evaluation of existing models in East Lothian, (Tranent, Prestonpans) and learn lessons from Fife's alternatives.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Financial - The costs of the Annual Conference are shared with East Lothian Learning Partnership, and can be met from existing funds.
- 5.2 Personnel - The administration of the Conference is being handled by Learning Partnership colleagues.
- 5.3 Other - None.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.

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