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ATTENDANCE AT THE ADSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 21 – 23 MAY 2003 – HILTON DUNBLANE HYDRO

1 REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report requests the approval for an Elected Member of the Social Services Committee to attend the ADSW Annual Conference in the Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Perthshire from 21st – 23rd May 2003.

2 THE CONFERENCE

- 2.1 The Conference theme is "To See Ourselves as Others See Us". The programme for the Conference will consist of a mix of keynote addresses, including HRH The Princess Royal, Simon Weston, Dr Steen Lassen, Chief Constable David Strang, Stephen Jardine (STV Newscaster), Niall Dickson (BBC Home Affairs Editor) and Mary Pender-Greene. There will also be the opportunity to take place in a variety of workshops and a question and answer session.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The delegate fee for attendance at this Conference is £528.75 per person. The total estimated cost for an Elected Member to attend this Conference is approximately £580.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 **It is recommended that this Council be represented at the ADSW Annual Conference at the Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Perthshire from 21st – 23rd May 2003 by an Elected Member of the Social Services Committee.**

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