

ASSOCIATION OF ESSEX COUNCILS (AEC) - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report seeks Member nominees to attend an AEC Economic Development Seminar on 14 April 2000. This is a discretionary matter.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1 The AEC has organised a free seminar to explore the implications of the changes caused by both the Government's modernising agenda and the establishment of the Regional Development Agency, on economic development activity in Essex.
- 2.2 The seminar is being supported by the East of England development Agency and by the Audit Commission and Bill Samuel and Denise Davies from each organisation will provide a regional perspective and some themes surrounding Best Value and the need to define targets and set more robust performance measures.
- 2.3 The invitation to the seminar indicates that eight delegates can be accommodated from each local authority. It is suggested that one Member be nominated from each group plus the Chairs of, Finance and General Purposes, and Corporate Resources Sub-Committee or their nominees.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The seminar is free of charge, but it is considered that attendance be recognised as an official duty for Members.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

The Members to be nominated for attendance at an AEC Economic Development Seminar on 14 April 2000 as outlined in the report.
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Background Papers:

Letter from the AEC dated 24 February 2000.

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