

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

24 MARCH 1998

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION AT OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE -
HOUSTON USA

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Abstract: This report outlines the organisational and financial details relating to Offshore Technology Conference at Houston USA and recommends that the Council be represented at the event.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the Council's representation on the Dundee and Angus Oil Venture Group stand at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, USA.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Committee is referred to Article 14 of the minute of the Economic Development Committee meeting on 27 January 1998 which records that the Committee approved the Overseas Trade Promotion Schedule for 1998/99 detailed in Report 90/98 subject to detailed approval being sought for participation in each of the activities included.

3 OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE (OTC)

3.1 OTC 98 takes place between 4-7 May 1998 in Houston, Texas and is regarded as the premier oil and gas industry event of the year. Angus Council has participated at OTC on the Dundee and Angus Oil Venture Group stand for the past two years. In addition to assisting Angus based companies exhibiting on this stand, the event presents an opportunity to meet senior officials of multinational companies with an Angus base e.g. Halliburtons, ABB Vecto Gray, Stewart & Stevenson, and to renew contacts with senior personnel in the Diplomatic Services and Locate in Scotland. It is understood that four Angus companies will be exhibiting on the DAOVG stand and two separately immediately adjacent to the stand.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated costs associated with attendance at OTC by one officer (the Senior Development Officer within the Economic Development Unit) will be:

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Flights and Accommodation only	1,100
Meals and Expenses	400
Total	1,500

This cost can be met from the Economic Development Revenue budget for 1998/99.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Participation in this event presents an opportunity to increase the profile of Angus to the international oil and gas sector, to assist local companies to extend their markets and to establish and develop relationships with Diplomatic Service and Locate in Scotland staff in Houston.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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