

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2005

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF MAGICAL SOCIETIES

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request that the Sub-Committee consider an application received from the Scottish Association of Magical Societies for a contribution towards their annual convention to be held on 29 April 2005 at The Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Magical Society incorporates 14 magic clubs around Scotland, the members of which are hobbyists, collectors, historians and performers. The group holds an annual convention and this year will be the 54th. The event organiser has advised that there is one magic club within East Ayrshire ie Kilmarnock Magic Club.
- 2.2 The venue each year is somewhere different in Scotland and this year will be held at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- 2.3 The convention, which runs from Friday to Sunday, will start with a civic welcome followed by the official opening of the weekend convention. Provost Darnbrough has already been asked to give a civic welcome. A magic show, which lasts approximately one hour, is held and Elected Members will be asked to stay and join the delegates at this event.

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 3.1 The group has requested that the Council provide a finger buffet including a glass of wine. The cost of providing this by the Park Hotel based on 100 people, would be £1,045 (£155 for tea/coffee, £650 for the buffet and £240 for wine).

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council protocol for determining Council representation at such events was approved by Council on 27 June 2002 and recommends that, where this Sub-Committee does not determine Council representation then the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of this Sub-Committee and the Provost, will determine Council representation.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Scottish Association of Magical Societies for the provision of a finger buffet; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support, in consultation with the Chair.

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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for civic hospitality from the Scottish Association of Magical Societies.

Any person wishing to inspect background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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