

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 18 MAY 2005**

#### **DALMELLINGTON BAND**

#### **Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Sub-Committee to consider an application received from Dalmellington Band for a contribution towards a finger buffet for the opening event of their new Band and Community Music Hall.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Dalmellington Band was formed in 1864 and has been one of Scotland's most successful bands over the past 20-30 years.
- 2.2 The band has earned respect throughout Scotland and the UK as a top class concert band and supports charities and other organisations with fund raising etc and encourages young players into the junior band.
- 2.3 The new Band and Community Music Hall is due to be completed in approximately six weeks and the group will be holding two opening nights to thank grant aid organisations and members of the public who supported their fund raising events.
- 2.4 The date of the event has still to be confirmed but will be as soon as possible after completion of the hall.
- 2.5 The group hope to hold the opening event in Dalmellington Community Centre and have a finger buffet for invited guests and have asked the Council to contribute towards the costs involved.
- 2.6 The event will be attended by between 100-200 guests to include the Provost, Elected Members, Council Officers, Band Patrons etc.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of the event, as estimated by the group, will be approximately £650 and the group has requested a contribution of £500.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 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 the Sub-Committee and the Provost will determine Council representation.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

**6. PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE**

**6.1** Dalmellington Band were awarded £750 by this Sub-Committee in March 2002 in connection with a pre-concert reception and meal for approximately 110 people.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to:

- (i) consider the request from Dalmellington Band for a contribution of £500 towards the event; 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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17 May 2005

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**1.** Application for Civic Hospitality from Dalmellington Band.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on 01563 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on 01563 576135.

**Implementation Officer: Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer**