

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 18 APRIL 2007

AYRSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY - DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of an application received from the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry seeking a joint Civic drinks reception with both North and South Ayrshire Councils to mark their Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Over the last 60 years, the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry has served the businesses and economy of Ayrshire and has worked with the various forms of Local Government to deliver a desirable environment for the area.
- 2.2 At the time of the Golden Jubilee 10 years ago, each of the 3 individual Local Authorities provided a Civic reception for the Chamber and its members within their designated areas.
- 2.3 To mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, one main celebration will be held at the Lochgreen House Hotel, Troon on Friday 28 September 2007, with a gathering of 400 business people reminiscing on 60 years of history and a look forward in anticipation with the celebration of youth music.
- 2.4 Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry have contacted East, North and South Ayrshire Councils seeking a joint Civic drinks reception at the start of the event to honour 60 years of service to the whole Ayrshire Community.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The group have estimated a total cost of the drinks reception, requested by East, North and South Ayrshire Councils at a cost of £1,980.00, with a one third share of £660.00 being requested from each of the three local authorities.
- 3.2 Both North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils have agreed to support the joint celebration to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and have agreed to their share of £660.00.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Council Policy for dealing with applications for recognition of anniversary celebrations from local groups, establishments etc approved by the sub-Committee on 31 January 2001 recommends that 25th-100th anniversary celebrations equals £3 per year.

4.2 It should be noted that the exercise of the policy would result in an award of £180 (£3 x 60 years); however, Members may wish to exercise their discretion given that there will be approximately 400 business people in attendance and that both North and South Ayrshire Councils have agreed to their one third share of £660, and award a corresponding amount.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES - nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry to provide a joint Civic drinks reception with North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council, at a cost of £660.00, one third of the share to mark their Diamond Jubilee Celebration; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements, including Council representation, 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. Correspondence from Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and South Ayrshire Councils Civic Co-ordinator

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers should contact Lynn Young, Administrative Officer on Tel No: (01563) 576283. Any person wishing further information should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Te; No: (01563) 576135.

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