

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 FEBRUARY 2006**

#### **SCOTTISH WHEELCHAIR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006**

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

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

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to request that the Sub-Committee consider an application received from the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association for a contribution towards hospitality for the reception to mark the 2006 Championships to be held on the evening of Saturday 25 March 2006 at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association provide opportunities to wheelchair users to participate in the sport of Curling from beginner level through to excellence.
- 2.2** For the past 2 years the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships have taken place in Kilmarnock. This years event will be held on 24, 25 and 26 March 2006 at the Galleon Centre, Kilmarnock with a proposed civic reception to be held on the evening of Saturday 25 March 2006 at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- 2.3** This will be the third consecutive year that the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships have been held in East Ayrshire. 2006 will see the sport make its debut on the Olympic Stage at the IX Paralympic Games in Torino, in Italy. Great Britain will be represented in Torino by the current Scottish and World Champions. The squad is targeting a medal at the games and will only return home to Scotland 5 days prior to participating in the Championships at the Galleon.
- 2.4** In addition to the request for funding, the group would like consideration to be made of a presentation of a civic gift, at the reception, to the Squad in recognition of their achievements as Scottish and World Champions as representatives of Great Britain in the sporting arena and as Ambassadors for disability sport.

### **3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- 3.1** The cost of the event, as advised by the group, will be £1,010 for a reception and buffet at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- 3.2** The group have requested a contribution from the Council of £500.
- 3.3** If the Sub-Committee are so minded to accede to the request at paragraph 2.4, funding will also be required for this.

#### **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 the Sub-Committee and the Provost will determine Council representation.

4.1 The group have advised that they would like the following Council Representatives to attend;-

Provost or Depute Provost: Chair of Community Services: Chair and Vice Chair of East Ayrshire Sports Council, Sports Development Manager, Club Coach and Volunteer Development Officer, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services: and the Head of Leisure Services

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil**

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association for a contribution of £500 towards the event.
- (ii) to consider the request for a civic gift as additional recognition to the Squad as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report; and
- (iii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support in consultation with the Chair.

Elizabeth Morton  
Depute Chief Executive/  
Executive Director of Corporate Support

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27 January 2006

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Application for civic hospitality from the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576129.

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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

