

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

ST ANDREW'S DAY ANTI RACIST EVENT 2006

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Policy and Resources Committee of a contribution of £250 made in terms of the delegated authority of the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chair, to the STUC towards the costs involved with their organisation of a St Andrew's Day Anti Racist Event for St Andrew's Day 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The STUC, supported by the Anti Racist Alliance, is in the process of organising a St Andrew's Day Anti Racist Event for St Andrew's Day 2006 with the event being held on Saturday 25 November 2006.
- 2.2 The STUC is aiming to build on the successful event held last year and has secured the ABC concert venue in Glasgow to enable a bigger "Festival" type event to be held following the traditional Anti Racism March through Glasgow streets.
- 2.3 The STUC General Council, following advice from the Black Workers' Committee has agreed that the slogan for this years event should be "Love Scotland – Hate Racism".
- 2.4 The STUC invited the Council to make a financial contribution towards this event which seeks to highlight the many different cultures which make up Scotland today.
- 2.5 This is a national annual event which aims to visibly demonstrate Scotland's commitment to tackling racism and fascism.
- 2.6 It is intended that programme for the event will be produced and all organisations making a financial contribution to the event will be listed in the programme as supporters.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial contribution of £250 can be met from the Council's budget for financial assistance to organisations.

4. POLICY/LEGAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS - Nil

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to note the contribution to the STUC of £250 made in terms of the delegated authority of the Chief Executive following consultation with the Chair.

Fiona Lees
Chief Executive

AMC/DL
23 October 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the STUC dated 7 September 2006.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative tot his report should contact Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer on Tel: (01563) 576134. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel (01563) 576135.

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