

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2003

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA ASSOCIATION - AYRSHIRE DISTRICT

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

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 Community Drama Association (SCDA) - Ayrshire District asking the Council to host a Civic Reception, to take place on 26 April 2003, to celebrate the National Final of the SCDA One Act Play Festival.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The National Finals of the SCDA One Act Play Festival will be held in the Palace Theatre from 24-26 April 2003.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The Drama Association received funding of £200 to provide a finger buffet from this Sub-Committee in January 2001 when they hosted the Western Divisional Final of the Scottish Community Drama Association One Act Play Festival. However, as this is the major national event, the Association has requested that East Ayrshire Council host a Civic Reception in recognition of the event.
- 3.2** The total cost of the Civic Reception will be approximately £750 which includes the hire of the hall, finger buffet and floral display and will be attended by approximately 120 people comprising members of the General Council, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the District Committee, representatives from the Club and appropriate Members and Officials from East Ayrshire Council.
- 3.3** The Group has advised that they are unable to contribute to the costs of the event as they pay travelling and accommodation expenses for the visiting teams who come from as far away as Orkney.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Council protocol for determining Council representation at such civic events was approved by Council on 27 June 2002 and recommends that where this Sub-Committee does not determine Council representation then the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the

Chair of the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee and the Provost will determine Council representation.

4.2 Accordingly, this Sub-Committee is asked to determine appropriate further Council representation.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** - Nil.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the SCDA to host a Civic Reception to celebrate the National Final of the SCDA One Act Play Festival; and
- (ii) to remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

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3 December 2002

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application to East Ayrshire Council for Civic Hospitality.

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.

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