

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 26 MARCH 2003

DONALD DEWAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of a request from the University of Glasgow seeking a donation towards the Donald Dewar Memorial Appeal.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The University of Glasgow decided to honour the memory of Donald Dewar, one of its graduates, by launching an appeal for funds to establish a Chair in Social Justice.
- 2.2 The University acknowledged Social Justice was a subject close to Donald Dewar's heart. The University envisage that the person appointed to become the Donald Dewar Professor of Social Justice will give academic and interdisciplinary leadership in the study of the complex problems surrounding Social Justice and provide intellectual focus to public debate and policy making.
- 2.3 Donald Dewar studied at the University in the late 1950's and early 1960's and maintained a fond and close interest in the University throughout his life. In June 1998 the University conferred on him the honorary Degree of Doctor of Law.
- 2.4 A sum of approximately £475,000.00 has been raised to date from a wide variety of support and the University hopes to raise £1.8 million in total

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Councils which have supported the Appeal to date are Glasgow City, Aberdeen City, Highlands, South Ayrshire, West Lothian, Fife, Clackmannanshire & Shetland Islands. The sums donated vary from a few hundred pounds from smaller authorities, with £1000 being the most common donation, and £5,000 - £10,000 from the larger authorities.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1** Having regard to the budget available for civic hospitality Officers have taken the view that it would not appear possible for the Council to contribute to this appeal at this time.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) consider the request from the University of Glasgow for a donation towards the Donald Dewar Memorial Appeal

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Director of Corporate Resources

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter dated 30 January 2003 from the University of Glasgow and Appeal brochure.

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