

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

IRVINE VALLEY REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

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 from Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership for a contribution towards their event to take place in May.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership was formally constituted in June 1999 and its 2020 Vision is dedicated to the regeneration of the Irvine Valley. Local Elected Councillors, Community Councillors, representatives from the private sector, voluntary organisations and educational bodies serve on the Board and approximately 50 local companies give their support as Partnership Members. Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership is classified as a Rural Partnership and receives grant aid from East Ayrshire Council. Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership is also a partner in the Newmilns THI.
- 2.2 Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership has been corresponding with Newtonards Borough Council for some months regarding a Friendship between the two areas.
- 2.3 Newtonards was home to Paddy Mayne, one of the founder members of the SAS. Links with the Irvine Valley commenced during the 2nd World War when the SAS were based at Lanfine Estate in Newmilns and these links have been strengthened in recent years with the building of a commemorative Cairn in Darvel in 2000.
- 2.4 The event will take place in the Morton Hall, Newmilns on Saturday 10 May 2003. This is a combined social and civic event during the Irvine Valley Walking Festival. The civic event will take the form of an exchange of Friendship Charters between Newtonards Borough Council and the Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership in recognition of the history between the two areas. The social event will follow the exchange of Charters.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The event will be attended by approximately 200 people comprising Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership; local community activists and partners; Walking Festival organisers; three member of Newtonards Borough Council and Elected Members and will comprise of a buffet meal and civic welcome.

3.1 The Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership have estimated the total cost of the event as being £1,100 and have requested a contribution of £500.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Council protocol for determining Council representation at such civic events was approved by Council on 27 June 2002 and recommends that, where the 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.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** - Nil.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership for a contribution towards the cost of the event; and
- (ii) remit the necessary arrangements to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

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Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

CB/SM
12 March 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for civic reception from Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576135.

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