

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - ROYAL VISIT - 2 JUNE 2002

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Sub-Committee of a letter received from R N Martin, Clerk of Lord Lieutenant seeking financial assistance of £5,000 towards the cost of a visit by HRH Princess Anne on 2 June 2002.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** HRH Princess Anne will visit Ayrshire on 2 June 2002 as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. On that date the Queen will worship at Windsor, the Prince of Wales in Wales and Princess Anne is to visit Scotland. She has chosen to attend St Columba Church in Ayr on such an important occasion.
- 2.2** After discussion with Buckingham Palace it has been decided that it would be appropriate for the service to be a "Ayrshire" service. A national service is taking place on 23 May 2002 at Glasgow Cathedral and it is the wish of the Lord Lieutenant that the civic dignitaries of all three Councils as well as charities in the county are represented.
- 2.3** The reason that St Columba Church has been chosen is that it celebrates its centenary this year. The capacity of the church is 500 and the Lord Lieutenant believes that the invited guests will number some 100 to 150.
- 2.4** Although the capacity of the church is 500 there is a possibility that many could be disappointed by not being able to attend the church service. Consequently, a marquee is to be erected at Belleisle for the Annual Ayrshire Hospice Ball capable of seating 850 people and South Ayrshire Council have agreed to allow the marquee to remain at Belleisle to host both events. This will not only allow any members of the congregation unable to attend the church service because of pressure of numbers to attend a lunch with the Royal Highness, but also provide an appropriate setting to host a lunch in her honour.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The costs involved with the venture are approximately £33,000 which includes hire of marquee including tables and chairs - £12,000; hire of toilets - £2,000; electrics and security - £1,000; flowers and decoration - £1,000; and meals 850 at £20 - £17,000.

3.2 South Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Council have also been asked to contribute £5,000 and both Councils have agreed to the request. The church will bear the balance of the cost plus any further incidentals which there will inevitably be.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the Lord Lieutenant for a contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of the Royal Visit; 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

7 May 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter dated 4 March 2002 from R N Martin, Clerk of the Lord Lieutenant.

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.

AGENDA