

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2001

STRATHCLYDE POLICE DINNER - FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2001 - THE HILTON, GLASGOW AND FUTURE ATTENDANCE AT STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE'S AND STRATHCLYDE POLICE'S DINNERS

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to ask the Sub-Committee to consider (i) attendance at the Strathclyde Police Dinner to be held on Friday 26 October 2001 in the Hilton, Glasgow; and (ii) future attendance at Strathclyde Fire Brigade's and Strathclyde Police's Annual Dinners.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** It has been the practice of the Council to alternate attendance between the Strathclyde Fire Brigade Dinner and the Strathclyde Police Dinner, i.e. to consider attending each Bi-annually. Following on this practice, it would be appropriate to consider attendance at the Strathclyde Police Dinner for this year.

3. DETAILS OF STRATHCLYDE POLICE DINNER 2001

- 3.1** This is an annual event which has been running for 4 years and is supported whole-heartedly by the new Chief Constable, Mr William Rae.
- 3.2** A charity fund was established last year to receive the proceeds of the Force Dinner and other anniversary events for distribution to the nominated charities, i.e. Save the Children, The Riding for the Disabled Association and the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. This year the proceeds raised from the dinner will be divided between the Princess Trust and the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).
- 3.3** Mr Angus Simpson from Scotland Today will compere the event with the principal guest being the First Minister, Henry McLeish, MSP, who will give a short speech followed by the meal.
- 3.4** The event will be sponsored by the Clydesdale Bank and dress is formal.

4. FUTURE STRATHCLYDE POLICE AND STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE DINNERS

- 4.1** As previously reported, it has been the Council's established practice to support these charity events and to attend each Annual Dinner in alternative

years. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Sub-Committee agree that in respect of future dinners, this practice continues.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** In respect of the 2001 Strathclyde Police Dinner, the price of a table is £480.00 and each table seats 12 people.
- 5.2** With regard to future Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade Dinners, the cost of attendance will be met from the approved budget as reported to each meeting of the Sub-Committee.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** To consider the request from Strathclyde Police to attend the Annual Dinner for 2001.
- 7.2** To agree that in respect of future Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade Dinners, that the Council continue the practice of being represented at these dinners in alternate years.
- 7.3** That in respect of recommendations 7.1 and 7.2 above, to remit the necessary arrangements, including determining Council representation at the events, to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair.

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25 July 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Letter dated 3 July 2001 from Strathclyde Police.

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AGENDA