

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 12 JUNE 2003

VISIT BY GROUP FROM KULMBACH

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a visit by a group from Kulmbach who will be visiting Scotland in August 2003 and to consider further a request for a Kulmbach/Kilmarnock evening.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Correspondence was received from Herman Müller, who has responsibility for twinning matters in Kulmbach, who advised that a programme for a visit to Kilmarnock had been drawn up, the visit to take place from 8 August to 17 August 2003.
- 2.2 A report was prepared and submitted to the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee on 26 March 2003 which enclosed the proposed programme for the visit by the visiting party in which approximately ninety representatives from Kulmbach would arrive in Kilmarnock on Saturday 9 August 2003.
- 2.3 Herman Müller had asked for the Council's help in arranging a visit to the local Diageo plant on Tuesday 12 August and for the provision of a room for a proposed Kulmbach/Kilmarnock event that evening.
- 2.4 The Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee agreed to
- (i) welcome the visit by a group from Kulmbach to East Ayrshire;
 - (ii) to remit to appropriate Officers to liaise with Herman Müller to discuss further the proposed arrangements for the visit; and
 - (iii) that a further, more detailed report be submitted to the Sub-Committee in due course.
- 2.5 This report has been submitted to this Committee as the next Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee is not due to be held until 10 September 2003.

3. PROPOSALS FOR THE EVENING EVENT

- 3.1 Officers have explored further the possibility of the Kulmbach/Kilmarnock evening event and it is now proposed that the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock, be the venue.
- 3.2 Herman Müller has confirmed that there will be ninety eight people arriving with his party and it is further proposed that the Twinning Association and

representatives from East Ayrshire Council also be invited along on the evening.

3.3 Diageo, Kilmarnock, have indicated it will not be possible to accommodate ninety eight people on a visit to the plant on that day but have confirmed that they would be willing to arrange a “grand passion” welcome for the Kulmbach guests at the beginning of the evening event where samples from their brand would be supplied free of charge.

3.4 It is proposed that a finger buffet be provided along with a ceilidh band for the evening. Appropriate Civic gifts would also be chosen.

3.5 It is also proposed that the Palace Theatre arrange a bar for the evening.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The approximate cost for the evening which would include catering, ceilidh band and floral display would be approximately £1,000.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) agree to the proposed evening event as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report;
- (ii) to remit to appropriate Officers to finalise arrangements for the event; and
- (iii) that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chair to agree suitable Member and Officer representation for the evening event.

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23 May 2003

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter dated 20 February 2003 from Herman Müller, Kulmbach.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper relative to this report should contact Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager on (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

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