

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2002**

#### **40<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY - THE LOWLAND GUNNERS**

#### **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 request from the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery The Lowland Gunners to name an AS90 gun after Kilmarnock.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery is the local Gunner Regiment of the Lowlands. Equipped with the AS90 self propelled 155 gun, the Regiment has provided an exciting and rewarding career for people all over the Lowland for years.
- 2.2 Although their links with Scotland are strong, the Regiment are keen to reinforce their relationship with the region in order to continue their recognition as the Lowland Gunners.
- 2.3 To this end, 129 (Dragon) Battery is about to rename all of their guns in honour of towns within the Lowlands. The Battery have asked if the Council would allow them to name an AS90 gun after Kilmarnock to increase links with the area.
- 2.4 The Gunners propose to visit Kilmarnock on 8 October 2002 and hopefully will bring along some of their equipment. They will go to the Burns Mall with publicity and have members of the Battalion in and around the centre.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Gunners have also intimated that they would like to present the Council with a plaque and a photograph of the gun to be named and it is suggested that this take place at the Dower House, Kilmarnock along with a buffet lunch.
- 3.2 The cost of holding this lunch is approximately £350 which includes hire of the room, lunch, floral display and appropriate gift.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Council protocol for determining Council representation at such civic events was approved by Council on 27 June 2002 and recommends that, the Provost or Depute Provost, in recognition of their civic responsibility will represent all of East Ayrshire Council and the people of East Ayrshire in attending events

of a civic and ceremonial nature. There may be occasions when it will be appropriate for other Elected Members to also attend events.

4.2 Accordingly, this Sub-Committee is asked to determine appropriate further Council representation.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL**

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) consider the request from the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery The Lowland Gunners to name an AS90 gun after Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) to 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

26 August 2002  
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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter from the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery The Lowland Gunners.

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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**AGENDA**