

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub Committee – 21 April 2010****PERTH800 - VISIT BY ARS ANTIQUA CHAMBER CHOIR FROM
ASCHAFFENBURG IN AUGUST 2010****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report seeks approval for a contribution towards the costs of a visit of the Ars Antiqua chamber choir from Aschaffenburg and the staging of a joint choral concert with Perth's Chanson Choir as part of the Perth800 celebrations.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Provost's Sub Committee approves the request for financial assistance up to a maximum of £1500 towards the cost of the visit of the Ars Antiqua chamber choir from Aschaffenburg and the staging of a joint concert with Chansons at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on 29 August 2010 as part of the Perth800 celebrations.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Ars Antiqua is a chamber choir from Perth's twin city, Aschaffenburg, and consists of 26 singers plus conductor. The choir previously performed in Perth in 2007.
- 2.2 Chansons, a mixed voice choir based in Perth, is proposing to stage a joint concert with the Ars Antiqua in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on 29 August 2010 as part of the Perth800 celebrations.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The estimated costs of travel and accommodation for the visit are £12,317 and staging the concert £665, making an estimated total of £12,982. Aschaffenburg Town Council is contributing £3,931, (which represents 50% of the travel costs); and the members of Ars Antiqua are contributing £4,851.
- 3.2 The Perth Common Good Fund Committee at its meeting on 24 February 2010 (Article No 107 (g) refers) awarded the sum of £1,000 towards the cost of the visit. That contribution was made on the basis of projected costs available at that time. Projected costs have increased since then and it is recommended that the Perth800 civic events budget contribute a sum of up to a maximum of £1,500 towards the staging of the concert.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the income from the concert will be £1,200.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The £1,500 contribution will be met from the 2010–2011 civic hospitality budget for Perth800 events.
- 4.2 In addition to the £1500 from the Perth800 civic events budget the Council will also contribute £500 towards transport costs from Edinburgh Airport and return which will be met from the 2010/11 twinning budget within the Chief Executive's Service.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Provost and Chief Executive have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009 – 2012

The Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 2012 lays out five objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation.

The proposals in this report support the following objective.

- (ii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 7.1 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process and the determination was made that the item summarised in this report is not relevant for the purposes of EqIA.

8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all plans, programmes and strategies, including policies. (PPS)
- 8.2 The matter presented in this report was considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. No further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The visit of the Ars Antiqua chamber choir and the joint concert with Chansons will contribute to the wide range of promotional events supporting Perth800 and will also support the longstanding twinning relationship with Aschaffenburg, Germany.

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Background papers: Perth Common Good Fund Committee – Report
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