

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL****Provost's Sub Committee – 10 February 2010****PERTH800 CELEBRATION WEEKEND 2-4 JULY 2010****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report relates to costs for the Perth800 Perth Day and Weekend Celebrations 2-4 July 2010

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approves the costs relating to the Perth800 Weekend Celebrations 2-4 July 2010 detailed in this report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As Members are aware, 2010 marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of the Royal Burgh Charter to Perth in 1210.
- 2.2 Plans are underway for a programme of events over the weekend of 2-4 July 2010. It is proposed that Perth and Kinross Council supports these events.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 Official invitations are to be extended to the Civic Heads of all twin and sister towns/cities, along with their wives. Visiting dignitaries and groups will be invited to the events planned over the weekend.
- 3.2 The programme of events are as follows:

**2 July**

- Service of Thanksgiving in St John's Kirk
- Perth Day (Armed Forces Day) will be a day of commemoration and celebration showcasing the Armed Forces, the Royal British Legion, massed pipes and drums, uniformed organisations and veterans associations in a parade through Perth, followed by a civic lunch reception in Perth Museum and Art Gallery.
- Perthshire Chamber of Commerce celebrates local industry and commerce with EXPO 2010 in Perth Concert Hall on 2/3 July. The theme of the EXPO is 'Perthshire on a Plate'.

**3 July**

- Ceilidh on the evening of 3 July at Dewar's Centre.

#### 4 July

- Service of Remembrance at the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Division Memorial, where a plaque will be unveiled containing the names of all the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Division soldiers who were killed during the liberation of Gennepe in Holland in World War II.
- Perth800 Celebration Concert in Perth Concert Hall. The Concert will provide a showcase of local talent, including orchestras, choirs and dancers.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

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

#### 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated costs for the programme of events for the Perth800 Perth Day and Celebration Weekend events are:

Hosting twinning dignitaries, including accommodation, transport, meals etc	£ 9,050
Perth Day (Armed Forces Day)	£22,900
Ceilidh	£ 6,650
Service of Remembrance	£ 1,250
Celebration Concert	£ 6,100
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>£45,950</b>

- 5.2 Subject to the availability of resources, the costs would be met from the 2010-2011 civic hospitality budget for Perth800 events.

#### 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 objectives.

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

#### 7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 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 items summarised in this report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing.

## **8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies.
- 8.2 The proposals presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the determination was made that the items summarised in this report do not require further action as they do not qualify as a plan, programme or strategy as defined by the Act.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The Perth800 Day and Weekend presents Perth & Kinross with a unique opportunity to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is hoped that the programme of events will generate and encourage civic pride, community engagement, and celebration of our arts and culture.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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