

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub Committee of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee****16 April 2008****TRACK AND FIELD MEETING AT THE GEORGE DUNCAN STADIUM, PERTH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL - 9 AUGUST 2008 – REQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report relates to a request for civic hospitality from Perth Strathtay Harriers in respect of a national track and field meeting scheduled to take place at the George Duncan Stadium, Perth Grammar School on Saturday 9 August 2008 in memory of George Duncan

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee approve the request for civic hospitality from Perth Strathtay Harriers as outlined in this report in respect of the track and field meeting at the George Duncan Stadium, Perth Grammar School on Saturday 9 August 2008.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Perth Strathtay Harriers are planning to host a major national track and field event to be held at the George Duncan Stadium, Perth Grammar School on Saturday 9 August 2008 in memory of George Duncan. The event will involve junior athletes from 10 clubs throughout Scotland, who will compete at 11, 13 and 15 age group events. In addition, there will be 4 – 5 invitation events for senior athletes. The event organisers are hopeful that, if successful, this event could be held on an annual basis.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 To mark the special nature of this event, a range of VIP guests will be invited to attend, including Board members from Scottish athletics, SportScotland, the Gannochy Trust, and past international athletes, together with elected members and officials from Perth & Kinross Council.
- 3.2 The event will offer an excellent opportunity to promote not only the already acclaimed athletics stadium, but also the City of Perth itself. If the event is held on annual basis then there will clearly be additional longer term promotional and economic opportunities.

- 3.3 The civic hospitality requested by the event organisers is for a civic reception in the form of a buffet for a maximum of 300 guests, to be held in the sports hall of Perth Grammar School at the conclusion of the track and field event.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted on the report.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is estimated that the cost of the provision of the civic reception for the anticipated numbers will be in the region of £2,500 which includes food, wine and soft drinks, staffing and transport.
- 6.2 Subject to the availability of resources, this sum will be met from the 2008/09 civic hospitality budget.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2006-2010

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2006-2010 lays out five objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. The proposals contained in this report relate to all aspects of the Corporate Plan.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The proposals contained in this report were considered under the Corporate Equalities Assessment Framework and assessed in relation to the Race/Disability/Gender Equalities Assessment. Consequently it was determined that there were no further actions needed at this time.

8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) 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 information presented in this report was considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Perth & Kinross Council has determined that the implementation of the proposal will not have significant environmental effects on any of the areas defined in the SEA Guidance.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 it is anticipated that this major track and field event will attract hundreds of participants and spectators from throughout Scotland. It will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the George Duncan Stadium as a first class venue for a range of sporting activities and competitions, and also the City of Perth.

- 9.2 A civic reception hosted by Perth & Kinross Council will lend support to Perth Strathtay Harriers as organisers of the event, and will contribute to the anticipated success of the event, which, hopefully, will give the Club the impetus to organise future similar events.

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