

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
Provost's Sub Committee – 4 February 2009**

**ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK
REQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY**

Report by Head of Democratic Services

ABSTRACT

This report relates to a request for civic hospitality from the Association of Directors of Social Work in respect of its national conference taking place in Crieff Hydro between 13 – 15 May 2009.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approves the request for civic hospitality from the Association of Directors of Social Work as outlined in this report in respect of its annual conference coming to Crieff from 13 – 15 May 2009.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Association of Directors of Social Work holds its national Conference every year at Crieff Hydro.
- 2.2 Perth & Kinross Council regularly supports this Conference in terms of the level of civic hospitality offered to delegates at a Civic Reception hosted by the Provost.
- 2.3 The number of delegates attending the Conference has gradually increased and it is anticipated that 360 will attend this year's gathering.
- 2.4 The delegates come from local authorities across Scotland and include senior elected members, senior members of staff and professionals from local government and the Scottish Government.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 To welcome this prestigious Conference to Perthshire, it is proposed that Perth and Kinross Council should host a Wine Reception for 360 people.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted on this 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 £1,350. Subject to the availability of resources, this sum will be met by the civic hospitality budget 2009/2010.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2007-2010

The Council's Corporate Plan 2007-2010 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 meet the following objectives.

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

7. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Assessment Framework 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 (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).

The plan, programme or strategy presented in this report was 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 It is anticipated that the annual Conference of the Association of Directors of Social Work will bring many benefits to Perthshire. The Civic Reception will send an important goodwill message to the delegates encouraging their return to Crieff in the years ahead.

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Background: Letter from association of Directors of Social Work see attached.

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ADSW Annual Conference 13th – 15th May 2009
'Getting it Right'

Dear Provost

I am in the process of organising the Association's Annual Conference, which takes place at Crieff Hydro Hotel between 13th – 15th May 2009.

The conference attracts 360 delegates from local authorities across Scotland and includes senior elected members, senior members of staff and professionals from local government and the Scottish Executive.

The Association was so impressed with the Conference facilities at Crieff, and the reception by Perth and Kinross Council that we have agreed to hold our Conference at this venue for another year.

You may recall that your council very kindly sponsored a reception on the first night of the Association's Annual Conference last year and we would be very pleased if your Provost would again welcome the guests at the Conference and sponsor a reception on Wednesday 13th May 2009 at 7.15pm in the Hotel.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Dempster

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