

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROVOST'S SUB COMMITTEE
13 AUGUST 2008****COSLA EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE EXECUTIVE GROUP
MEETING – PROVISION OF CIVIC HOSPITALITY – 21 AUGUST 2008****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report relates to a request for civic hospitality from COSLA in respect of the Education, Children and Young People Executive Group Meeting scheduled to take place on 21/22 August 2008

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approve hosting by the Provost of a civic dinner at the Royal George Hotel, Perth on Thursday 21 August 2008 to welcome the COSLA Education, Children and Young People Executive Group Meeting, to be held in Perth on Thursday 21 August and Friday 22 August 2008.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has agreed to host the meeting of the COSLA Education, Children and Young People Executive group, which is to be held on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August 2008.
- 2.2 The meeting is an important event in that it will be the first time that the Council has hosted such a gathering which includes all education leaders in Scotland.
- 2.3 As the Council Chambers are unavailable for the meetings it is proposed that the meetings and a civic dinner be held in the Royal George Hotel, Perth.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 To welcome this prestigious meeting to Perth, it is proposed that Perth & Kinross Council hosts a civic dinner for the delegates.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that 50 delegates will attend the meetings, most of whom will be staying overnight in local hotels.

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 a civic dinner for the anticipated numbers will be in the region of £1,100 which can be met from the 2008/2009 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. They are as follows:

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) Healthy, Caring Communities
- (iii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy
- (iv) Educated, Responsible and Informed Citizens
- (v) Confident, Active and Inclusive Communities

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The information presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Assessment Framework and the determination was made that the item summarised in this report does not require further assessment as it does 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 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.

The proposal will not require further action under the Act it is to be taken forward.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The COSLA Education, Children and Young People Executive Group meeting is an important and prestigious event which will bring key people in this field to Perth & Kinross. It is therefore deemed important that the Council provides an appropriate welcome to the delegates.

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