

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Provost's Sub Committee of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee  
11 June 2008**

**EASTWOOD ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2008  
REQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY**

**Report by Head of Democratic Services**

**ABSTRACT**

This report relates to a request for civic hospitality from The Rotary Club of Eastwood in respect of its area conference coming to Perth from 3 – 5 October 2008.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approve the request for civic hospitality from The Rotary Club of Eastwood as outlined in this report in respect of the annual conference coming to Perth from 3 – 5 October 2008.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Rotary Club of Eastwood International was the first organisation to bring its annual district conference to the newly opened Perth Concert Hall in 2005.
- 2.2 At that time, Perth & Kinross Council hosted a Civic Reception at Dewar's Centre, Perth which was able to accommodate the high number of attendees.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 To welcome this prestigious gathering back to Perth from 3-5 October 2008, The Rotary Club of Eastwood have again approached Perth & Kinross Council for a civic reception.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the number of delegates and partners will again be in the region of 550, thus necessitating a move to a larger capacity venue i.e. Dewars Centre.
- 3.3. The civic hospitality requested by the Club is a wine reception for approximately 550 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 £1,925.00, which can be met from the civic hospitality budget for 2008/09.

## 6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2006-2010

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2006 – 2010 lays out five objectives which provide clear direction and 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

- 7.1 The proposals contained in this report were considered under the 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 2006. 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 the annual district conference being hosted by The Rotary Club of Eastwood will bring many benefits to Perthshire. The civic reception will send an important goodwill message to the delegates encouraging their return to Perth in the years ahead.

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