
To: Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board

On: 27 March 2019

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Civic Hospitality

1. Summary

1.1 The following requests for civic hospitality have been received for financial years 2019/20.

- a) Correspondence has been received from RAMH to take a table at their Dinner Dance being held in the Lynnhurst Hotel, Johnstone, on Friday 26 April. RAMH are a charity organisation, based in Renfrewshire, which promotes recovery from mental ill health by supporting individuals, carers, friends and family, they also aim to raise awareness to break down the barriers and stigma around mental health.

Following consultation with the Provost, it proposed that the Board agree to take a table at the RAMH Dinner Dance at a cost of £350 and that it be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost to make the necessary arrangements.

- b) Correspondence has been received from the Paisley & District Bowling Clubs Ex-Presidents Association to request civic hospitality in the form of an evening meal for their members past and present in celebration of their Golden Jubilee Anniversary which will take place at the Abercorn Bowling Club on Saturday 26 November 2019.

Following consultation with the Provost, it proposed that the Board agree to provide civic hospitality in the form of an evening meal to celebrate their 50th anniversary for approximately 150 people at an estimated cost of £3000 and that it be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost to make the necessary arrangements.

- c) A request has been received for civic hospitality for a delegation of approximately 34 pupils and 4 Teachers from Paisley's twin town of Gladsaxe in Denmark, following on from their successful visit the past two years with Renfrew High School. Gladsaxe are looking to visit Renfrewshire once again on 13 May to further strengthen links with our schools.

It is proposed that the Board agree to provide civic hospitality in the form of meal for approximately 80 in Renfrew Town Hall at an estimated cost of £1900 and that it be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost to make the necessary arrangements.

- d) Correspondence has been received from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service requesting civic hospitality to accompany the unveiling of a commemorative memorial Stone. This commemorative event marks the 120th Anniversary of the death of Fireman James Mair from Paisley Fire Brigade who was fatally injured on 29 June 1899 whilst tackling a fire in the Ferguslie Fireclay Works.

Following consultation with the Provost, it is proposed that the Board agree to provide civic hospitality in the form of a finger buffet at the Tweedie Hall in Linwood for up to 80 people at the cost of approximately £950 and that it be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost to make the necessary arrangements.

- e) Following on from the decision at the Council Meeting held on 13 December to raise the Rainbow Flag each year, which marks the International day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia (IDAHOTB), it is proposed that civic hospitality also be provided to accompany the event this year, which takes place on 14 May and which focuses on Justice and Protection for All.

It is proposed that the Board agree to provide civic hospitality in the form of light lunch at the Watermill Hotel, Paisley at the cost of approximately £400 following the flying of the rainbow flag and that the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost make the necessary arrangements.

- 1.2 The budget provision for 2019/20 for Civic Hospitality (including international Links) is £46,460. Should the above be agreed, and taking account of previous decisions, the remaining balance would be approximately £37,460.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board agrees to: (a) provide the hospitality as detailed above for Paisley & District's Bowling Clubs Ex-Presidents Association, the Gladsaxe School Visit, Scottish Fire and Rescue and to mark IDAHOTB; (b) take a table at the RAMH Dinner Dance; and (c) that it be delegated to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost to make the necessary arrangements.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The costs of the request from civic hospitality will be met from the 2019/20 budget provision.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
 3. **Community/Council Planning** – Civic receptions provide recognition of the contributions made by individuals and organisations to the fabric of life in Renfrewshire.
 4. **Legal** - none.
 5. **Property/Assets** - none.
 6. **Information Technology** – none
 7. **Equality & Human Rights**

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** - none
 9. **Procurement** - none
 10. **Risk** – none
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none.
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable
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List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1 – Correspondence from RAMH
- (b) Background Paper 2 – Correspondence from Paisley & District Bowling Clubs Ex-Presidents Association
- (c) Background Paper 3 – Correspondence from Gladsaxe School delegation.
- (d) Background Paper 4 – Correspondence from Scottish Fire and Rescue

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Finance & Resources for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Donna Gallagher, Member Services Officer (Telephone – 0141 618 6794, e-mail – donna.gallagher-pt@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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