

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCIVIC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE24 April 2018Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveREQUEST FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITYRECOVERY ACROSS MENTAL HEALTH (RAMH) FUNDRAISING DINNER AND QUIZ**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider a request to attend the Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) fundraising 40th Anniversary Dinner and Quiz.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the committee considers the request referred to in this report and accompanying Appendix.

BACKGROUND

3. On 26 June 2013 the Council agreed to establish a Civic Hospitality Committee with the following terms of reference:-

To be responsible for all civic hospitality matters on behalf of the Council including the:-

- consideration and determination of all requests for the provision of civic hospitality by the Council with an estimated cost of over £400;
- consideration and determination of any proposed new Council events to be funded from the civic hospitality budget; and
- consideration and approval of all protocols and procedures associated with civic hospitality.

REPORT

4. A request for civic hospitality was received in March which requires to be considered by the Committee in view of the cost of the proposal exceeding £400. Details of the request and related proposal are set out in the remainder of this report.

Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) Fundraising 40th Anniversary Dinner and Quiz

5. A request for civic hospitality has been received from Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) to attend its fundraising 40th Anniversary Dinner and Quiz being held in Renfrew on 25 May 2018. RAMH, which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2018 and has recently been voted Renfrewshire Employer of the Year, provides both support in crisis situations and counselling; promotes self-management; and empowers individuals to achieve their

potential. RAMH has commented that currently in Scotland 1 in 6 people are experiencing mental health problems and that it believes everyone has the potential to recover from mental ill health. Further details of the proposal are included in Appendix 1 accompanying this report.

BUDGET

6 The 2018/19 budget for civic hospitality is £18,000 as in 2017/18. As well as being used to fund events organised in response to external requests for civic hospitality, the decision was taken that those annual events organised by the Council such as the Holocaust event, Remembrance, and the Senior Citizens' Concerts, are to be funded from this budget. Examples of other things also funded from this budget are the costs of attendance at various charity events on approval of requests such as fundraising dinners; the costs associated with school debates; and the purchase of flowers for those known to be celebrating a special wedding anniversary or birthday (e.g. 100th birthday, diamond wedding anniversary etc.).

7. When the costs of these additional matters are taken into account, the amount of funding remaining in the 2018/19 budget to deal with new requests for civic hospitality is currently estimated to be £4, 930).

8. If the request is approved, the balance remaining in the budget is currently estimated to be £4,405.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the committee considers the request referred to in this report and the accompanying Appendix.

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Background Papers – Correspondence relating to the requests for civic hospitality

REQUEST MADE TO CIVIC HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**TABLE AT RECOVERY ACROSS MENTAL HEALTH (RAMH)
FUNDRAISING 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND QUIZ
ON 25 MAY 2018**

UNALLOCATED BUDGET BALANCE AT 19 April 2018 – £4,930

Details of request for civic hospitality	In response to correspondence from Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH), it is proposed that the committee consider taking a table at the RAMH fundraising 40 th Anniversary Dinner and Quiz
Why the request is being made	To raise funds for RAMH which this year aims to raise £20,000 to help provide mental health services it offers
When would the event be held	Friday, 25 May 2018
Details of any specific hospitality requested	Table for 10 guests (includes drinks reception and 3 course meal in addition to which the cost of wine/drinks with dinner would require to be met)
Where would the event be held	Normandy Hotel, Renfrew
Who would be invited from the organisation	5 elected Members with partners
Other Guests	N/A
Which elected members would be invited	To be agreed
What catering would be appropriate	N/A
Would a gift be required	Raffle donation may be requested
Approximate cost of event	£525 (Costs of Table (£400) and Wine/Drink with Dinner (Approximately £125))

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