

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL28 JUNE 2017Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveKIRKING OF THE COUNCIL**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval of proposals for the Kirking of the Council service.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that:-
 - (a) the Council agree that the Kirking of the Council service be held in St Aidan's Episcopal Church on Sunday, 27 August 2017; and
 - (b) delegated authority be granted to the Deputy Chief Executive to make the appropriate arrangements for the service.

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3. At the meeting of the Council on 11 September 1996, when considering a request from the Eastwood Branch of ACTS (Action of Churches together in Scotland), it was agreed that it would be appropriate to hold a Kirking of the Council service at the outset of each new council hosted by one of the various religions/faiths in the area.
4. Following that decision, multi-denominational services have been held at the Baptist Church in Newton Mearns (1999); the Bourock Church in Barrhead (2003); the synagogue in Giffnock (2007); and St John's Parish Church in Barrhead (2012).
5. Taking account of where previous Kirking of the Council services have taken place and following discussions with the Provost, Leader and Deputy Leader and the minister at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, it is proposed that arrangements be finalised to hold the service at that church on Sunday, 27 August 2017. The estimated cost would be £380 which can be met from the civic hospitality budget. If approved, Members Services would work with the church to finalise arrangements for the service.

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Background papers

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