

LISBURN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy Sub-Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Monday, 5th January 2009 at 5.15 pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor R Crawford (Chairman)

Deputy Mayor
Alderman E C Poots

Alderman S P Porter

Councillors A G Ewart, P J Givan, B Heading and
W M Ward

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillor A P Ewing

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Assistant Director Corporate Services – Mrs C Bethel
Senior Graphic Designer
Arts Service Manager
Arts and Events Technician – Mr C Magee
Committee Secretary

Commencement of the Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor R Crawford, wished Members a Happy New Year.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Report of the Chief Executive

2.1 400th Anniversary Celebrations

Councillor P J Givan arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.27 pm).

The Chief Executive reminded the Sub-Committee of the recommendations made at its last meeting, which had been ratified by the Strategic Policy Committee at its special meeting on 1 December, 2008 and subsequently by full Council on 15 December, 2008.

Further to this, Members had been furnished with a paper setting out a number of options for consideration, with the Chief Executive recommending, in light of the current economic climate, that option 1 be approved. This option provided for expenditure of £100,000 and did not include any outdoor concert/s.

2.1 400th Anniversary Celebrations (Contd)

Lengthy discussion took place, following which it was proposed by Alderman S P Porter, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman E C Poots, and agreed that the Sub-Committee consider the overall list of possible events, as a result of which it was agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee that the following be proceeded with:

- (a) "A City for Children - Play Your Part" - £10,000
- (b) Bannering - with a maximum expenditure of £5,000
- (c) "Citizens of the City" - £2,500-3,000
- (d) Civic Week/Festival - £20,000
- (e) Exhibition on 17th Century Lisburn - £20,000
- (f) Fireworks Display - £15,000
- (g) Historical Booklet - £8,000
- (h) Ideas from the Public - £10,000
- (i) Internet Game - £5,000
- (j) Link with other Cities/Famous Organisations - £10,000 (it was noted that Lisburn Cathedral was also celebrating its 400th anniversary this year)
- (k) Mayor's Parade - £20,000 (in addition to budget normally set aside for this event)
- (l) Musical Festival - £150,000 - this event was a possibility, if funding/sponsorship could be secured from other sources
- (m) Podcast - £3,000
- (n) Photography Competition - £2,500
- (o) "Questiontime" or local "Let's Talk" in Lisburn - £1,000
- (p) Royal Visit/Visit by Prime Minister - £10,000, with further consideration being given to this expenditure and being reported back to the Sub-Committee
- (q) Schools Debate - £5,000
- (r) Schools Project - expenditure for this was included in the Mayor's Parade budget but the Sub-Committee was to be provided with information regarding the cost of providing commemorative medals to school children
- (s) School Sports/Choir Competition - £10,000
- (t) Sporting and Cultural Events - £20,000
- (u) Summer Fair in Castle Gardens - £25,000
- (v) Television Documentaries - £5,000
- (w) Themed Events - £2,000
- (x) Placement Student - £11,000

It was agreed that, subject to the above events (the overall estimated cost of which was £370,500) being agreed by the Strategic Policy Committee, Officers be requested to research them and that a detailed report in this regard be presented to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Members having been furnished with several suggested branding designs, it was agreed that option 1 be recommended to the Strategic Policy Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 5.58 pm.

Mayor/Chairman