

LISBURN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy Sub-Committee held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Monday, 6 July 2009 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A G Ewart

Deputy Mayor
Alderman S P Porter

Councillors E J Campbell, P J Givan and J Palmer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Policy & Co-ordination Officer
Assistant Director Corporate Services – Mrs A Goddard
Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Cultural Services)
Tourism Development Officer
Committee Secretary

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor W M Ward.

2. Report of the Chief Executive

Members had been furnished with further progress reports from the several departments of the Council regarding the ongoing programme of events/projects in connection with the 400th anniversary celebrations.

The relevant Officers of the Council who had responsibility for progressing their departmental events/projects were in attendance at the meeting and answered Members' queries regarding their papers.

Having noted the progress of previously agreed events/projects, the following decisions were taken in relation to forthcoming events and new proposals, as outlined in the Officers' reports:

- (a) It was agreed that, as requested by the BBC, the Lisburn City Council grant be paid to the 'preferred supplier' of the BBC, rather than direct to the BBC;
- (b) In relation to the maximum of 500 complimentary tickets for the Proms in the Park event, it was agreed that this event be treated as a civic event and, therefore, all invitations would be issued by The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor A G Ewart. In addition to the Mayor's office, each department of the Council would be requested to forward names for consideration, to include local businesses, community, voluntary and public service invitees. It was further agreed that the event be promoted by way of a competition for Lisburn City residents to apply for an allotted number of tickets;

- (c) It was agreed that 70% of the student placement salary be funded by way of transferring £5,840.76 from the 400th anniversary celebration budget to the Economic Development budget;
- (d) It was agreed that, further to the completion of the Museum's 17th Century exhibition, a budget of £10,000 be made available for a full colour publication on 17th Century Lisburn, as outlined in the Assistant Director's report;
- (e) It was agreed that the Assistant Director of Leisure Services (Cultural Services) and the Assistant Director Corporate Services (Marketing and Communications Unit) pursue the possibility of screening the two Lisburn original films, subject to any copyright issues being resolved and that, should this project be proceeded with, the funding originally allocated to the Twilight Nights event be used;
- (f) It was agreed that a sum of £5,000 be allocated to advertising/advertorial opportunities, such opportunities to be considered by the Tourism Section and the Marketing and Communications Unit and in conjunction with The Right Worshipful the Mayor;
- (g) It was agreed that an appropriate letter be forwarded to the Mayor of Kilkenny Council reiterating previous invitations to Lisburn's 400th anniversary events; and,
- (h) It was agreed that the Council sponsor the South Eastern Regional College's 2009 Graduation Ceremony as Principal Partner, at a cost of £3,000. It was further agreed that, should the Principal Partner opportunity not be available, authority be sought from The Right Worshipful the Mayor for his view on Associate Partner involvement, after communications with the College.

At this stage, Members referred to events they had to attend which were organised by outside bodies and asked that Officers endeavour to get as much information as possible from those bodies with regard to what was expected of the Members who attended.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 5.55 pm.

Mayor