

## **LORD PROVOST SUB COMMITTEE**

ABERDEEN, 2 February 2012 – Minute of Meeting of the LORD PROVOST SUB-COMMITTEE. Present:- Lord Provost Stephen Chairperson; Councillor Cormie, the Depute Provost and Councillors Cooney, Malone and Wisely.

Officers in attendance:- David Gow, Beverley Graham, Alasdair Ross, Office of the Chief Executive; Paula Fullerton, Events Team, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure; and Grant Webster, Democratic Services, Corporate Governance.

### **APOLOGIES**

1. There were no apologies noted.

### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2011**

2. The Sub-Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 15 December 2011.

**The Sub-Committee resolved:-**  
to approve the minute as a correct record.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

3. Financial Reports

The Sub-Committee had before it a financial report pertaining to the Civic Receptions budget for 2011/12 and 2012/13 and the Lord Provost Gift Fund for 2011/12 as at 25 January 2012. The Lord Provost noted that there was error in the indicative Civic Receptions budget 2012/13. The budget figure is meant to be £165,000 instead of £150,000.

**The Sub-Committee resolved:-**  
to note the information provided.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**Councillor Malone declared an interest in the following article by virtue of her involvement in Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre. Councillor Malone did not withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the article.**

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### CIVIC HOSPITALITY REQUESTS

#### 4. (A) Civic Hospitality Requests 2011/12

The Sub-Committee had before it various applications for the provision of civic hospitality for the financial year 2011/12.

**The Sub-Committee resolved:-**

to approve the following applications as follows:-

| Occasion  | Venue            | Hospitality to be Granted          |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|
| World Heavy Oil<br>Congress Select<br>Committee | St Nicholas Room | Refreshments and<br>Canapés for 50 |

Further to this, the Sub-Committee noted that the request asked for catering to be provided by Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**Councillor Cooney declared an interest in the following article by virtue of his involvement in Aberdeen International Youth Festival Trust. Councillor Cooney did not withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the article.**

#### (B) Civic Hospitality Requests 2012/13

The Sub-Committee had before it various applications for the provision of civic hospitality for the financial year 2012/13.

**The Sub-Committee resolved:-**

to approve the following applications as follows:-

| Occasion                                   | Venue  | Hospitality to be Granted                |
|--|--|--|
| Professor Paul Mealor                      | Town and County Hall                         | Refreshments and Finger<br>Buffet for 75 |
| Danscentre 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary | St Nicholas Room                             | Refreshments and Finger<br>Buffet for 80 |
| All-Energy 2012                            | Aberdeen Exhibition and<br>Conference Centre | Refreshments for 1200                    |

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| Aberdeen Universities Officers Training Corps Centenary Ball             | Northern Lights/Star Ballroom | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 250 |
| Joint Life Sciences Meeting 2012   | Town and County Hall          | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 175 |
| Sustainable Urban Fringes (SURF)   | Town and County Hall          | Dinner for 80                          |
| EU Conference on non-linear optical spectroscopy                         | Art Gallery                   | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 150 |
| Aberdeen International Youth Festival 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary       | Town and County Hall          | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 175 |
| Aberdeen International Youth Festival Participants Party                 | Beach Ballroom                | Soft Drinks for 600                    |
| Stena Group Annual Conference  | Town and County Hall          | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 150 |
| Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Conference and AGM                  | Beach Ballroom                | Refreshments for 550                   |
| Aberdeen and District Football Association 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary | Tbc                           | Refreshments and Finger Buffet for 175 |

With regards to the civic reception request for Professor Paul Mealar, the Lord Provost advised the Sub-Committee that Professor Mealar has achieved world wide success in the past year through his compositions. His recent work has included a piece for the Royal Wedding of HRH The Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton, composing the 2011 Christmas 'number one' in the UK singles chart, sung by The Military Wives Choir, and his debut album 'A Tender Light' spending six weeks at No. 1 in the classical charts. The civic reception was to congratulate Professor Mealar on his success, celebrate his work, and to formally recognise the considerable role which his work plays in promoting Aberdeen as a centre of musical excellence.

## **The Sub-Committee resolved:-**

to note the information given.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 26 APRIL 2012**

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5. The Sub-Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 26 April 2012 at 10.30am.

**-Lord Provost Stephen, Chairperson**