

DIAMOND JUBILEE WORKING GROUP

ABERDEEN, 2 May, 2013 - Minute of meeting of the DIAMOND JUBILEE WORKING GROUP. Present: The Depute Provost Councillor Reynolds (Convener); and Councillors Cormie, Donnelly, Greig and Jaffrey.

APOLOGIES

1. Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Allan and Young and Lesley Thomson.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Working Group had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 28 February, 2013.

The Working Group resolved:-

to approve the minute as a correct record.

DIAMOND JUBILEE – UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 21 February 2013, the Working Group had before it a report by the Chief Executive which provided the Working Group with an update on the development of the Diamond Jubilee Commonwealth Travel Bursary for young people. At its meeting, the Finance and Resources Committee had considered the Working Group's request to allocate funds in order for decisions to be made on how to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and her 60 year reign.

The Committee had resolved that a maximum of £50,000 be made available for a travel bursary.

The report recommended:-

that the Working Group note the update and provide input to assist in finalising the scheme.

The Working Group discussed aspects of the travel scholarship, which would be named the Diamond Jubilee Commonwealth Travel Bursary. Discussion focused on (1) the extent to which any links existed between the bursary scheme and the City of Culture bid, a suggestion which had been submitted by the Chair of the Youth Council; (2) the age range for the bursary scheme; and (3) the development of an application process, including the adoption of risk management procedures to ensure the safety of young people travelling abroad under the scheme.

The Working Group resolved:-

- (i) to note the report and update;
- (ii) to request that officers liaise further with the Youth Council to obtain their views on the operation of the scheme and to highlight the Working Group's concerns about safety, and report back on the outcome to the next meeting;

- (iii) that the age range for the bursary scheme be 16 – 25, bearing in mind that each application would of course be considered on its own merits;
- (iv) that it was appropriate for the scheme to link with Aberdeen's bid to become City of Culture 2017;
- (v) to request that officers liaise with officers in Education, Culture and Sport Committee on promoting and developing the bursary scheme;
- (vi) that participants in the bursary scheme be asked to give a presentation or feedback on their visit to the Working Group;
- (vii) to receive a further report on the application process, including forms and guidelines, taking account of all the above, at the next meeting; and
- (viii) to request the Finance and Resources Committee on 13th June to adjust the remit and name of the Working Group to the following:-
 Diamond Jubilee Commonwealth Travel Bursary Working Group
 To receive and determine applications to the Diamond Jubilee Commonwealth Travel Bursary scheme, within the budget allocated by the Finance and Resources Committee (up to a maximum of £50,000).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. The Working Group agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday 21 June 2013, at 10am in Committee Room 4 (later changed to Thursday 27 June).

- The Depute Provost, Councillor Reynolds, Convener