

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Finance and Resources
DATE	12 November 2009
REPORT BY	City Chamberlain
TITLE OF REPORT	Applications for Financial Assistance 2009/10
REPORT NUMBER	CG/11/112

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for financial assistance which has recently been received.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee considers for approval a grant to Aberdeen Trades Union Council of up to a maximum of £5,100 for the St Andrews Day celebrations.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Prior to considering the request for support there is an uncommitted budget remaining of £9,779 for ad-hoc grants in 2009/10. Approval of this request can be met from the uncommitted budget remaining.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The City Council will within financial constraints seek to support the voluntary sector and partnerships with the local community. All applicants will be given equal consideration within the general criteria for the disbursement of grants and donations from this budget

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

If the proposed assistance is not provided it may raise issues on the sustainability of organisations or their ability to hold specific events which will bring benefits to the City of Aberdeen.

6. REPORT

Main Considerations

6.1 In considering miscellaneous applications for grants or donations the following general criteria are applied -

a) applications from individuals seeking sponsorship, for taking part in fund-raising events abroad or for placements with charitable organisations or trusts in developing countries, are declined.

b) applications from individuals or groups seeking assistance towards costs of excursions outwith the City are declined.

c) applications which tend not to be supported are those from national organisations unless there was some clear and measurable local benefit, and health related applications which are seen as the clear responsibility of the health authorities.

d) on a number of occasions assistance is provided to both local and national organisations, either in whole or in part, with the costs of hiring Council accommodation such as the Beach Ballroom, and the Music Hall for various fund-raising events and gatherings.

Application

6.2 Aberdeen Trades Union Council (copy letter attached)

A request has been received by Aberdeen Trades Union Council for financial assistance in order to celebrate St Andrews Day as a liberty day. Aberdeen Trades Union Council celebrate this day as a Scottish National Day and as an international event to celebrate anti racism and fascism in Aberdeen. The total cost of the St Andrew's Day celebration is £5,100, Aberdeen Trades Union Council are asking Aberdeen City Council for a financial contribution which would cover the majority of the costs.

The Financial Assistance Budget has not previously funded a St Andrews Day celebration by Aberdeen Trades Union Council.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Attached letter