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**ENTERPRISE, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**COMMITTEE**

**12 November 2013**

**CITY EVENTS PROGRAMME 2014-2015 – EPI/13/185**

The Committee had before it for consideration a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which sought approval of the 2014-2015 City Events programme and associated budgets, which were outlined in appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

**The report recommended:-**

- (a) that members note the content of this report;
- (b) that members approve the proposed City Events programme for 2014 – 2015;
- (c) that members approve the proposed budget of up to £928,850 in total to deliver the programme for 2014 – 2015;
- (d) that members approve a final location for the end of day celebrations associated with the Queens Baton Relay 2014;
- (e) that members approve the allocation of funding for an Events Executive G10 that would grow and develop the existing income generating activities of the service, subject to the normal HR recruitment process;
- (f) **that this report is referred to Finance, Policy & Resources Committee to consider the request for monies from the Common Good Fund and General Fund should members approve the relevant expenditure; and**
- (g) that members receive a further report in summer 2014 outlining the proposed creation of an Events Fund in 2015 that would maximise the opportunities for attracting new events to Aberdeen of a national and international calibre.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the recommendations;
- (ii) that officers identify an appropriate Council service to support the delivery of Galas and Festive Community Grants and report back to the Committee in this regard;
- (iii) that officers liaise with Third Sector colleagues in relation to a possible tie-in of the Aberdeen Day event with the Third Sector event;
- (iv) that officers consider an event relating to the Riding of the Marches (March Stones);
- (v) that Union Terrace Gardens be used as the location for the final location for the Queens Baton Relay 2014; and
- (vi) that officers write to all elected members seeking any further suggestions regarding the programme of events.