

ANGUS COUNCIL
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
ASSOCIATION OF REGISTRARS OF SCOTLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

ABSTRACT

The Association of Registrars of Scotland is holding its annual general meeting on 19 May 1999 and have requested the Council to provide hospitality in the form of accommodation for the meeting and lunch for the delegates.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to provide accommodation in the new Registrar's Office, 69/71 High Street, Arbroath for the purpose of holding the AGM of the Association of Registrars of Scotland and to host a lunch in the Webster Theatre for all delegates attending.

2. BACKGROUND

The Association of Registrars of Scotland is a representative body of professional Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and their staff throughout Scotland. Each year, they endeavour to hold their Annual General Meeting in a different part of Scotland and the Executive Council of the Association has enquired as to the possibility of facilities for their 1999 meeting being made available in Arbroath.

The Association usually attempts to hold the AGM within the Council area of the current president. Carolyn MacPherson, the Senior Registrar for Angus, was President of the Association in 1996 but due to reorganisation, the Association was not able to follow its normal practice. However, the Association is keen that Angus be given the opportunity to host the event and has requested accommodation and associated facilities for the 1999 AGM which is scheduled for Wednesday 19 May.

The AGM is normally attended by some 50 members together with their partners. In the past, the host authority has provided delegates with morning coffee and an official lunch.

After discussion with our Senior Registrar and the Honorary Secretary of the Association, it is proposed to offer the marriage room of the new improved Registrar's Office in High Street, Arbroath for the meeting and to provide hospitality in the form of a lunch in the small hall of the Webster Theatre which is immediately opposite the new Registrar's Office.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of providing this hospitality is estimated to be £1,000 for which provision will be made in the Registrars Revenue Budget for 1999/2000.

4. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Director of Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this Report.

5. CONCLUSION

Welcoming the Association to Angus will provide an opportunity, albeit belatedly, to recognise our Senior Registrar's Presidency of the Association and to promote the use of the new Registrar's Office in Arbroath.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.