

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee: 7 October 2021

Subject: Update on 80th Anniversary of Clydebank Blitz

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note that the Council's contribution to the proposed concert by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) to be held in November 2021 will be approximately £12,500 and agrees that the balance of £2,500 will be met from the Cultural Fund.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members will recall that the Cultural Committee at its meeting in August 2021 noted that Creative Scotland (National Lottery Funding) had awarded the Council the sum of £10,000 towards the cost of the concert in November 2021 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz and that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services awaited the final costs from the RSNO at that time.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1 The RSNO have now confirmed that the Council's contribution to the cost of the concert will be approximately £12,500. This means that the net cost to the Council for providing the commemorative concert will be £2,500. Members are asked to note that this does not include the cost of the orchestra; the RSNO are providing this free of charge as their contribution towards the event.

5. People Implications

- 5.1 There are no people implications arising from the content of this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1 At its meeting in August 2021, the Committee noted that the balance of committed expenditure for the Clydebank Blitz commemorations, at that time, would leave the sum of £1,426 to be funded from the 2021/22 Cultural Fund.

6.2 However, as the cost of the concert has exceeded the sum of £10,000 awarded by Creative Scotland (National lottery Funding), the sum to be funded from the 2021/22 Cultural Fund will now be £3,926.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There are no risks arising from the recommendations of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 There are no impacts on any equality groups arising from the recommendations of this report.

9. Consultation

9.1 Officers from Legal and Finance Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report does not affect the Council's strategic priorities directly but nevertheless it is important that the Council commemorates such significant events.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: None.