

Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	31 March 2009
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Subject:	Provost's Ball		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of the Policy & Resources Committee with a report on the Provost's Ball 2008.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Provost's Ball was well attended. The planning which was put in place came to fruition. Over £12,000 was raised for local children's charities.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to:
- (i) note the success of the Provost's Ball and to agree that the same format be adopted in the future.
 - (ii) agree to a Provost's Ball in June 2010.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Provost's Ball was held on Friday 3 October 2008. The venue of the Town Hall was very well presented and very well organised and was a testament to the work of the staff of the Town Hall.
- 4.2 Twenty-four tables of 10 and two tables of 12 were sold. In the event not all of the tables or the people who had bought tables turned up on the night. The meal was very acceptable.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Leisure provided a free glass of champagne for all attendees and also provided the prize for a 'Tops and Tails' competition. The 'Tops and Tails' competition raised almost £2,000. Pupils from Inverclyde's Senior Choir administered the tombola. Most of the prizes had been provided by choir members. The tombola which went on throughout the evening raised almost £1,000.
- 4.4 Guests were entertained by jugglers and a magician, an auction of prizes which had been donated was conducted by a member of Barrhead Rotary and raised almost £4,000. There was dancing to a 'Band Called Wanda' and later to a disco conducted by Councillor Moran.
- 4.5 It is suggested that given the success of the Ball and the now established ways of working that the same type of ball could be put in place for 2010.
- 4.6 It is suggested that a dedicated team be established for the organisation of the ball and that members are given time in the last few days for organisation of the event.
- 4.7 The proceeds were distributed between Lilybank School, Glenburn School and Garvel Deaf Centre.