

Municipal Buildings, Greenock PA15 1LY

Ref: RMcG/JC

Date: 24 May 2010

**I refer to the meeting of the Regeneration Committee to be held on Tuesday 25 May 2010 and now attach report which the Committee may wish to consider as an additional agenda item.**

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**Undernote:**

**Additional Item**

**Comet Festival - Request for Funding**

Report by Corporate Director Education & Communities

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**Report To: Regeneration Committee**

**Date: 25th May 2010**

**Report By: Corporate Director Education and  
Communities**

**Report No: R149/10/AH/JA**

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**Subject: Comet Festival - Request for Funding**

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek approval for an application from the Comet Festival Committee for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations to support this year's Comet Festival.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 There being no formally constituted Comet Festival Committee in 2009, the event was organised by the Council's events team on a budget of £14,500 contained within the Regeneration budget.
- 2.2 This year's event, to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010, is being organised by a newly formed and constituted Comet Festival Committee. This Committee has asked for the same budget to be made available. However, there is insufficient budget within this year's Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to provide the full amount.
- 2.3 In order to continue support to this important event, it is proposed that £5,000 be allocated from the Common Good Fund to assist initial set up costs and a report on this matter has been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.4 It is proposed that £8,000 be met from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Committee agree the allocation of £8,000 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to fund this year's Comet Festival.

John Arthur

Head of Service - Safer & Inclusive Communities