

REPORT TO: Leisure & Arts Services Committee

REPORT TITLE: Use of Dudhope Park

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Arts

REPORT NO: 652-2002

1 Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on the outcome of the event held on the 27 July 2002 by the Scottish Socialist Party at Dudhope Park and to recommend any changes in the arrangement for such events in the future.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

3 Financial Implications

None.

4 Local Agenda 21 Implications

This event did not limit access to the park by the general public.

5 Equal Opportunity Implications

None.

6 Background

6.1 Reference is made to the Recess Sub-Committee of the 15 July 2002 when conditional approval was given for the use of Dudhope park to hold a gathering for the purpose of speeches and musical entertainment by the Scottish Socialist Party on the 27th July, 2002.

Officers were remitted to report back on any issues concerning the use of the park with the objective that the experience gained would assist in future decisions on similar events.

6.2 The Committee should note that this turned out to be a fairly small affair with approximately 50 people in attendance at 1.45 p.m. and in the region of 80 at 2.30 p.m. People were generally well behaved. The police were not in attendance throughout the event, but it is understood one complaint was received from a member of the public with regard to noise. The organisers turned down the sound following the complaint.

The site was tidy and the organisers packed up their equipment just after the event finished at 4 p.m. No litter or debris was left and no damage was done.

Although the Organisers were required to produce documentary evidence of relevant insurance cover, none was presented prior to the event taking place.

7. Consultation

The Chief Executive and Directors of Finance, Support Services and Corporate Planning were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8. Background Report

None

9. **Signature**

Director of Leisure and Arts.....

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