

Wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall in Canongate Kirk on 30 July 2011

Policy and Strategy Committee

17 May 2011

Purpose of report

- 1 This report alerts members to the Council's work with Lothian and Borders Police to facilitate the forthcoming wedding of Zara Phillips, daughter of HRH the Princess Royal, and Mike Tindall, England Rugby player, at Canongate Kirk on Saturday 30 July 2011.

Main report

- 2 The marriage ceremony will take place in the Canongate Kirk on the Royal Mile, followed by a reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.
- 3 This is a private event since Ms Phillips does not hold a royal title. However, the guest list will include members of the Royal family, major sporting figures and other VIPs. It is anticipated that crowd management will be required as many members of the public may want to see the bride and wedding party.
- 4 Lothian and Borders Police will mount a major security operation. The Council will implement the security recommendations, which will include road closures, traffic management, communications, liaison with local businesses and residents, cleansing and public safety.
- 5 The People's Story Museum is adjacent to Canongate Kirk and the Museum of Edinburgh is directly opposite the Kirk. It is likely that these Council-run museums will be required for the Police security operation, and may therefore be closed to the public.
- 6 An Events Planning Operation Group will report to the corporate group which was established by the Culture and Sport service to coordinate the Council's involvement in this event.

Financial Implications

- 7 The activities listed in paragraph 4 will incur significant unanticipated costs for the Council. Edinburgh's status as the capital and a royal seat draws similar events frequently; examples include the September 2010 State Visit by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and the opening of the fourth session of the Scottish Parliament on 1 July 2011.

Equalities Impact

8 There are no direct equalities impacts arising from this report.

Environmental Impact

9 There are no significant adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Recommendations

10 The Committee is recommended to:

- a) note the significant work which will be undertaken by the Council, alongside the Police, to facilitate this wedding; and
- b) note that the anticipated expenditure is currently unbudgeted, and will require to be contained within relevant service portfolios.

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Appendices

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Wards affected City Centre

Single Outcome Agreement N/A

Background Papers