

**Gala Days and Special Events
Milestone Anniversaries****Report by Ricky Moffat, Head of Commercial Operations****1 Purpose of Report**

This report is presented to allow Cabinet to consider a policy for any future requests from Gala Days and Special Events organisers who wish to recognise milestone anniversaries for Gala Days and Special Events with the communities.

2 Background

- 2.1** At the meeting of Midlothian Council on 18 March 2013 the Director Resources advised that it was his intention to outline proposals for supporting future notable Community Events.

Notably the Council supported the centenary of the Newtongrange Gala Day in 2013 with the award of £10,000 additional funding.

A request for additional support has been received from Mayfield and Easthouses Gala Day committee to support their 25th anniversary this year.

3 Additional Funding

It is proposed that funding be based on the existing grant levels which recognises small, medium and large events. The current grant levels are as detailed in the following table:-

Band 01 – Small £750 per event	Band 02 – Medium £1,000 per event	Band 03 – Large £1,250 per event
Cousland Edgehead Middleton Temple Fala Birkenside	Roslin Rosewell Bilston Danderhall Pathhead Poltonhall	Penicuik Bonnyrigg Dalkeith Mayfield Gorebridge Loanhead Newtongrange

For future milestone anniversaries it is proposed that the following levels of additional funding would apply:-

Funding arrangement	Small Event	Medium Event	Large Event
Existing Grant	£750	£1,000	£1,250
25 th Anniversary x 1 Annual Grant	£750	£1,000	£1,250
50 th Anniversary x 2 Annual Grant	£1,500	£2,000	£2,500
75 th Anniversary x 4 Annual Grant	£3,000	£4,000	£5,000
100 th Anniversary x 8 Annual Grant	£6,000	£8,000	£10,000

For any events that have anniversaries beyond 100 years it is proposed that reports specific to each event would be presented to Committee. The oldest event in Midlothian is based in Loanhead which started in 1903.

It is also proposed that the additional funding grant would apply where event organisers can document and demonstrate the additional costs will be incurred in support of the event.

4 Report Implications

4.1 Resource

Whilst it is for organisers of Gala Days and Special Events to determine if they are to celebrate a specific anniversary and therefore apply for funding, the following table outlines the events and the level of commitment that may be required over the next ten years.

Event	Year of Anniversary	25th Anniversary	50th Anniversary	75th Anniversary	100th Anniversary
Mayfield	2014	Yes			
Roslin	2018	Yes			
Edgehead	2023		Yes		

It is proposed that based on existing levels of expenditure that the additional for Mayfield's 25th Anniversary can be met from existing resources.

Currently a review of grants to communities is ongoing. It is proposed that grants for future milestone events be remitted as part of that review.

4.2 Risk

This proposal raises the profile of Gala Days and Special Events and recognises the importance of these milestone anniversaries in the local communities.

4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- X Community safety
- Adult health, care and housing
- X Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- X Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- Sustainable growth
- Business transformation and Best Value
- None of the above

4.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The support of local community events by the Council contributes to the general wellbeing and civic responsibility within Midlothian communities.

4.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

It is difficult to quantify what, if any impact on preventative spend for local Gala Days and special events.

4.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

A regular forum is held twice yearly with the organisers for Gala Days and special events. The intention would be to advise the organisers of future funding provision should this proposal be approved.

4.7 Ensuring Equalities

This report proposes no change to current policies or procedures and as such an equalities impact assessment is not required.

4.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

4.9 IT Issues

There are no IT implications arising from this report.

5 Summary

This report invites Cabinet to adopt the strategy outlined in Section 3 for future milestone anniversaries of Gala Days and special events should requests be received from event organisers.

6 Recommendations

Cabinet is invited to:-

- a) confirm the award of £1,250 to Mayfield to support their 25th Anniversary event, to be met from within existing resources,
- b) note that the current review of grants to communities will consider funding for future milestone events as part of that work stream.

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