

Title of Report:	Zomba – Member’s request for contribution
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 November 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	For committee consideration
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to present a request from an Elected Member seeking a contribution towards costs associated with a trip to Zomba in August 2023.

1.2 Background

Causeway, Coast and Glens Borough Council and Zomba Council have a Memorandum of Understanding. Council is currently represented on The Zomba Action Project (ZAP) by Alderman Yvonne Boyle (Alliance), Councillor MA McKillop (SDLP), Councillor Leanne Peacock (SF), Alderman Aaron Callan (DUP). In August 2023 as a representative of ZAP Alderman Boyle travelled with an official delegation to Zomba from 4th August – 19th August. The visit included a meeting with the Mayor of Zomba and Council officials, fact finding and hosting a dinner sponsored by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Council approved the request to host a meal in Zomba for 25 people at a total cost of £380.00 in June 2023.

2.0 Request for contribution to costs

2.1 The costs incurred by Alderman Boyle included flights £1950 and accommodation £800 approximately and a contribution from Council towards these costs is requested.

2.2 There is no provision in any Corporate Services budget for this type of expenditure. However, an option for consideration is to allocate any contribution Council may agree to the Members' Allowances travel expenses budget where there is currently an underspend.

2.3 In the previous term of Council a contribution of £500 towards costs incurred by an Elected Member on a similar trip to Zomba was made.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the request for a contribution towards the costs associated with a trip to Zomba in August 2023, by Council's representative on the Zomba Action Project is considered.