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So...LP office have just gone ahead and issued the statement below:

As Lord Provost I am privileged to represent and advocate for Glasgow, its communities and people at hundreds of events – from local gala days to diplomatic events and solemn occasions such as Remembrance Sunday.

Over the first two-and-a-half years of my term, I have been proud to be able to open up the city's civic functions to new groups and events; including volunteers, community councillors, LGBT Pride and Black History Month.

It has always been recognised that the role of Lord Provost carries an additional cost, taking place as it does almost entirely in the public eye. However, the role of First Citizen must be open to any elected member of the Council. I hope we can all agree that it is appropriate to ensure that members who might take on this position are not excluded from doing so by not having the resources to carry out the role.

In submitting claims, I have always tried to ask myself the question, 'would I require this if I were not Lord Provost?' Each has been made in good faith and scrupulously accounted for, within the rules.

Although the spending incurred was within the rules, on reflection there are items which I should not have chosen to reclaim.

I am sorry about that and I am in discussion with financial services to come to an arrangement to repay the relevant expenditure.

Regards

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