

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHAMBER PRESIDENT'S
BREAKFAST MEETING 4 MAY 2012 – PROVISION OF HOSPITALITY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To note the approval to host the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce President's Breakfast meeting on Friday 4 May 2012.

Information and Advice

2. The Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce organise a monthly President's Breakfast meeting which is attended by senior representatives of large employers, banks, accountants, law firms and local authorities. Meetings alternate between venues in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire; a new location is selected each time with the occupant of the venue providing a meeting room and a breakfast for 20-25 people. Recent venues have included Speedos, GEM 106 and Eversheds.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council sends a representative, either Councillor Keith Girling the Business Engagement Champion or Mick Burrows, Chief Executive or a senior officer to the Nottinghamshire meetings.
4. Meetings commence at 7.30am with breakfast, followed from 8.00 to 9.15 with a programme of presentations and an opportunity to network.
5. Nottinghamshire County Council was asked to host a meeting on 4 May 2012 in the Rufford Suite with a light breakfast of tea, coffee, orange juice, croissant, pastries and bacon cobs, for a maximum of 25 people. The County Council was represented by the Leader, the Chief Executive and Councillor Keith Girling, at which two key presentations were made; the Local Broadband Plan by Nottinghamshire County Council and the Ultraband Project by Nottingham City Council.

Other options considered

6. There were none.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. As a high profile member of the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce that regularly sends representatives to the President's Breakfast meetings it was felt appropriate that Nottinghamshire County Council host a President's Breakfast meeting to enhance the Business Engagement work being undertaken with the larger employers in Nottinghamshire (to ensure that they are engaged with the County Council's work relating to

the economy particularly the Local Broadband Plan) and to support the good working relationship between Nottinghamshire County Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

9. The maximum cost of the breakfast was £125.00, which was met from the Economic Development budget for Business Engagement (2012/13).

RECOMMENDATION/S

10. To note the approval given to host the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire President's Breakfast meeting in the Rufford Suite at County Hall on Friday 4 May from 07.30 - 9.30, with the cost of £125.00 met from the Economic Development – Business Engagement budget.

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Constitutional Comments (25/04/2012)

The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in the report. The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes delegation to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Financial Comments (MB 25/04/12)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce announcement of meeting.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All