

18 July 2016**Agenda Item: 9**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

MEMBERS' VISIT TO THE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks approval for a visit by Members to two Outdoor and Environmental Education residential centres on a date to be decided between 15 September and 20 October 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council's Outdoor and Environmental Education Service provides a range of education support to schools and other groups working with young people including two residential outdoor education centres. From time to time Members have been invited to view the work of the Service.
3. This proposed visit is to the residential centres at Hagg Farm and St Michael's, both located in the Peak District National Park in Derbyshire. Members will have the opportunity to view the centres and see pupils involved in environmental and outdoor activities. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
4. A particular invitation will be extended to those Members who have not seen the work of the centres first hand. The visit will aim to illustrate the quality and value of this provision in extending and enriching classroom based learning, in developing pupils' understanding of sustainability themes, personal and social skills, self-confidence, working independently, taking responsibilities, self-esteem and motivation for learning.

Other Options Considered

5. No other options were considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. It is useful that Members understand the unique nature of this provision, which links directly with pupils' curriculum and is highly valued by schools and other groups from Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

8. The anticipated cost of the visit will be about £250. This will cover transport, lunch and refreshments and will be dependent on the final numbers attending which will be known by the deadline of 7 September 2016. Costs will be met from the Outdoor and Environmental Education Service budget.

Crime and Disorder Implications

9. Learning experiences at the centres contribute to pupils' personal and social education and the development of respect for themselves and others.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval be given for a visit by Members to the two Outdoor and Environmental Education residential centres on a date to be decided in September or October 2016.

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 15/06/16)

10. The proposals set out in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments (SS 17/06/16)

11. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 8 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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