

Agenda Item: 6 (a)**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE)
ADULT LEARNERS WEEK CELEBRATIONS.****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to hold 3 celebration events (15th May at Worksop Library, 16th May at Mansfield Library and Beeston Library) during Adult Learners' Week 2012

Information and Advice

2. Adult Learners Week is the UK's largest celebration of learning. It promotes education and training for adults, provides access to information and guidance, motivates and celebrates learners' achievements. Started in 1992, it is a collaborative venture between education and training providers, broadcasters and national and local government. With its nationwide promotional campaign and high profile activities, Adult Learners' Week offers organisations like the County Council a framework to promote our learning provision. Further information on Adult Learners' Week is available at www.alw.org.uk
3. The Adult and Community Learning Service (ACLS) supports over 8,000 learners a year throughout Nottinghamshire. For many, this represents a first step back into learning in a long time. For others, it is the first time that they have received a certificate or been commended on their achievements. Through its work with partners, individuals and communities, ACLS seeks to raise aspirations and celebrating success is a major part of this work.
4. Since its inception in 2001, ACLS has supported or held a range of celebratory events. Positive feedback from those taking part has confirmed the success of the events and the value that recognition and celebration of their achievements has given to learners.
5. ACLS will hold 3 celebration events across the County. These will take place on 15th May at Worksop Library and 16th May at Mansfield and Beeston Libraries. The events will showcase some of our learners' work and learners nominated for outstanding achievements will be given ACLS certificates. The Cabinet Member for Culture and Community and Senior Officers will be invited to attend the celebrations.

Other Options Considered

None

Reason for Recommendation

To celebrate the success of ACLS learners as part of the national Adult Learners' Week campaign.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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

7. There will be an estimated expenditure of £450 to cover light refreshments. This can be met from the ACLS (Skill Funding Agency) budget

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the cost of light refreshments be approved to support the Adult Learners Week celebrations on 15th and 16th May as outlined in this report

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Financial Comments (MB 25/04/12)

8. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

Constitutional Comments (SLB 25/04/2012)

9. 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.

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected
All