

Meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE**

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agenda item number **5(b)**

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

### **Youth Support Service – young people’s residential visit to Amsterdam, Holland**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. To seek approval for four County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to travel abroad to lead a young people’s residential visit to Amsterdam. The proposed period of travel is 25 – 27 October 2010.

#### **Information and advice**

##### **Background**

2. All workers have undergone training in accordance with Youth Support Service policy for residential visits.
3. Young people have successfully applied for funding via a Youth Initiative Grant to meet all the costs of the visit.
4. Approval for the project has been given by the Head of the Youth Support Service.
5. The twenty one young people (twenty young women and one young man) who will be involved in the visit come from three separate groups in Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire. One group is from the Valley Young People’s Centre in Worksop, the second is from Retford Young People’s Centre and the third involves young people in contact with detached youth workers in Carlton-in-Lindrick.
6. The visit is part of an ongoing educational project which encourages young people to explore issues around equality and cultural diversity, and will lead to opportunities for young people to be involved in the peer education of others. The visit will involve travelling overnight to Amsterdam, spending the day in the city and returning on the evening ferry. During the visit the group will spend time looking around Amsterdam and will visit Anne Frank House. They will also eat in cafes and restaurants in Amsterdam. Many of the young people have not

travelled outside the UK previously and this project will enable them to gain new skills and experiences such as planning, working with others they have not known previously, experiencing a country and culture other than their own etc. Added to this young people have applied for funding, and they are working towards an accredited award which will acknowledge their learning.

7. The project responds to demands by young people who have been instrumental in planning the residential and applying for funds.
8. In consequence, approval is sought for four County Council Officers to take part in the visit. The officers seeking approval are:

Name	Role at Nottinghamshire County Council	Role in the visit
JD	Professional Youth Worker	Group Leader
AP	Professional Youth Worker	Support Worker
AR	Youth Support Worker	Support Worker
SF	Youth Support Worker	Support Worker

### **Statutory and policy implications**

9. This report is necessary to ensure compliance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation policy and current arrangements for approving officer involvement in international visits.

### **Financial implications**

10. The total cost of the visit for the whole group (including ferry fares, minibus hire, petrol, food, entrance costs, support in acquiring young people's passports etc) is £5,912. The costs will be met in full through a Youth Initiative Grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund following a successful application by the young people involved.
11. There is no direct financial cost to Nottinghamshire County Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

12. That approval is given for four County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to participate in the planned visit to Amsterdam from 25 – 27 October 2010.

**CHRIS WARREN**

Head of Youth Support Service

### **Legal Services' comments (LM/26.7.2010)**

13. The Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve officer travel outside the UK.

### **Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)**

14. The financial implications are set out in the report.

### **Background papers available for inspection**

Nil

### **Electoral divisions affected**

Bassetlaw

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