

**Agenda Item: 6 (b)****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND  
CULTURAL SERVICES****CIVIC RECEPTION FOR SCHOOLS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
SETTINGS JUDGED TO BE OUTSTANDING BY OFSTED****Purpose of the Report**

1. This is a request for the provision of hospitality to celebrate the achievements of those services, settings and institutions for which their most recent Ofsted inspection was judged to be outstanding overall. This will be in the form of a reception to be held on the evening of Monday 2 July 2012 in the Assembly Hall, for approximately 160 guests including elected Members, and invited guests from the respective schools, children's centres and children's residential care homes.

**Information and Advice**

2. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. It reports directly to Parliament and is independent and impartial. It inspects and regulates services which care for children and young people, and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages. It carries out hundreds of inspections and regulatory visits throughout England each week, with the aim of promoting improvement and value for money in the services it inspects and regulates, so that children and young people, parents and carers, adult learners and employers benefit.
3. Nottinghamshire's most recent annual Children's Services Assessment, published by Ofsted in November 2011, commented that the majority of the County's services, settings and institutions that it inspects are good or better overall. The large majority of provision helps children and young people to stay safe and most support them effectively to enjoy their learning.
4. To receive an outstanding grade by Ofsted is a significant achievement, representing skill, commitment and creativity in all aspects of life of the school / academy, children's centre or children's residential care home. It is, therefore, appropriate that the County Council should celebrate the outcomes for these services, settings and institutions, and recognise the contribution they make to the lives of children, young people and their families in Nottinghamshire. A list of those currently judged as outstanding is **attached**.

## **Other Options Considered**

5. This form of celebratory event has been held previously, and has been well received by all concerned. Therefore there was no compelling reason to consider other options.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. The Council wishes to recognise the achievements of schools / academies, children's centres and children's residential care homes in achieving a judgment of outstanding from Ofsted.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. 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**

8. The cost of the event for providing hospitality for up to 200 guests is estimated at £3,000 and this will be contained within the Children, Families and Cultural Services budget for 2012/13.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That approval be given to the provision of hospitality for 160 guests in the form of a reception to be held on the evening of Monday 2 July 2012 in the Assembly Hall, to celebrate the achievements of schools / academies, children's centres and children's residential care homes, and to recognise the commitment of their respective leaders to achieving an outstanding outcome for the children and young people of Nottinghamshire that they serve.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/04/12)**

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.

**Financial Comments (NDR 03/04/12)**

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

**Background Papers**

None.

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

Nottinghamshire.

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