Nottinghamshire County Council

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTTINGHAM POST – ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2014

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides information to the Committee on the recent Nottingham Post Environmental Awards 2014 which was delivered in partnership with the County Council and Veolia (the County Council's waste contractor).

Information and Advice

2. The Nottingham Post Environmental Awards 2014 took place at Nottingham's Belfry Hotel on Wednesday 12th November to celebrate the exemplar work undertaken by communities, organisations and individuals within the County in the environmental and sustainability sector. The awards, sponsored by Veolia (the County Council's waste contractor), were organised by the Nottingham Post and delivered in partnership with the County Council as well the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

3. County Council attendees included the Leader of the Council, the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, the Corporate Director for Environment & Resources and the Service Director for Transport, Property & Environment.

4. The awards recognised the good work and innovation within the sector by communities, business and education, and created a platform to celebrate their success. Schemes included projects to reduce energy bills, projects to protect houses from flooding and farming as a form of therapy for vulnerable people.

5. The County Council is proud to have been able to support this event, in partnership with Veolia. The support shown by the County Council represents a continuing commitment to improving the environment and encouraging sustainability against a challenging financial backdrop.

6. The full list of the awards and associated winners was as follows:

AWARD	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Environmentalist of the Year	John McDonald	Tina Holt
Environmental Community of the Year	Southwell Flood Forum	Netherfield Eco Action Team

Education and the Environment Award	Samworth Church Academy	Iona School
Environmental Innovation Award	Rhubarb Farm	Greening the Creative Quarter
First Steps to Sustainability Award	National Ice and Capital Arena	Footprints / School Keep Clear Song
Environmental Business Award	Bio Dynamic	The Orchard Hotel
The Environmental Development Award	Marsh Grochowski Architects	Waters Homes
Public Sector Environmental Initiative of the Year Award	Greening Housing Scheme	Gedling Borough Council Country Park
The Environmental Land Management Award	Home Farm	Trinity Farm
Coping with Climate Change Award	Greener Housing Scheme	Home Farm

Other Options Considered

5. None – this is an information report.

Reasons for Recommendations

6. It is important that the Environment and Sustainability Committee note the continuing commitment and support to improving the environment and encouraging sustainability against a challenging financial backdrop.

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. None – there were no financial implications for the County Council; the sponsorship costs were met by Veolia.

Implications for Service Users

9. None – this is an information report.

Recommendation

10. That Committee note the contents of the report.

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Constitutional Comments

11. This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments

12. This report is for noting only. There are no direct financial implications contained in the report.

Background Papers
None.

Electoral Divisions
All