

meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE		
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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

Young People's Residential visit to Le Fosso, France

Purpose of report

1. To seek approval for seven County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to travel abroad to lead a residential visit with a group of disabled young people to Le Fosso, Brittany in France. The proposed period of travel is 24 – 31 July 2010.

Information and advice

Background

2. The venue has been used previously and does not require a pre-visit. Five of the staff concerned have visited the venue on other residential opportunities.
3. The Leader of the residential and four of the remaining workers have undergone specific training in accordance with the Youth Support Service policy for residential visits.
4. The young people involved in the project have applied for funding from the Youth Opportunity Fund to help meet the costs of accessible transport for the visit.
5. The 21 young people who will be involved in the visit come from various parts of Nottinghamshire. The young people attend various units operated by the Disability Support team clubs and have a range of impairments and disabilities. The specific needs of the group members account for the high ratio of staff to young people.
6. The project has been developed in response to requests by the young people involved, who have been instrumental in planning the project and raising the required funds.

7. The officers seeking approval to travel abroad:

Name	Post held	Role in the visit
MC	Youth Work Team Manager	Group Leader
RP	Worker in Charge	Assistant Group Leader
MC	Youth Support Worker	Group worker
PP	Youth Support Worker	Group worker
NA	Youth Support Worker	Group worker
PM	Youth Support Worker	Group worker
CG	Youth Support Worker	Group worker

Statutory and policy implications

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

Financial implications

9. The cost of this visit to Nottinghamshire County Council is £5,500 which covers the cost of the staff time as well as their associated travel and accommodation costs. The County Council budget is also being used to subsidise the cost of the young people attending the visit, many of whom would otherwise be unable the full cost.
10. The remainder of the costs for the visit will be met from young people's contributions (£7,770) as well as a successful grant bid by the young people to the Youth Opportunity Fund (£2,600).

RECOMMENDATION

11. That approval is given for seven County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to participate in the planned residential visit to France from 24 – 31 July 2010.

CHRIS WARREN

Head of Youth Support Service.

Legal Services comments (LMc/6.7.2010)

12. The Committee has delegated authority to approve the recommendation in this report.

Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)

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

Background papers available for inspection

None

Electoral divisions affected

Nottinghamshire

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