

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

**YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO
HEILIGENHAUS, GERMANY: PRE-VISIT 13-16 OCTOBER 2011**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for two youth workers from the Youth Support Service to travel abroad to undertake a scoping and pre-visit exercise with a view to leading a young people's residential visit to Heiligenhaus, to take place in 2012. The proposed period of travel for the pre-visit is 13 -16 October 2011.

Information and Advice

2. Both workers have undergone training in accordance with Youth Support Service policy for residential visits.
3. The full cost of the pre-visit is being met through the Mansfield and Heiligenhaus Twinning Association, including travel and accommodation. The offer of the costs being met by the Twinning Association was not confirmed until 5 September 2011.
4. Outline approval for the project has been given by the Group Manager, Young People's Service.
5. The purpose of the pre-visit is to scope out the possibilities of undertaking a visit with young people, including young disabled people, from the 'myplace @ Westfield Folkhouse Young People's Centre' in Mansfield to Heiligenhaus in Germany.
6. In 1954 the first youth exchange visit to Heiligenhaus took place from the Folkhouse. Since this first visit there has been a long history of youth exchanges between the Folkhouse and equivalent projects in Heiligenhaus.
7. 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 peer education of others.
8. In consequence, approval is sought for two County Council Officers to take undertake the pre-visit, in order to effectively plan the envisaged 2012 youth exchange. The officers seeking approval are:

Name	Role at Nottinghamshire County Council	Role in the visit
John Reddish	Professional Youth Worker	Group Leader
Andrea Spink	Professional Youth Worker	Support Worker

Other Options Considered

9. No other options have been considered. Young People's Service policy sets out that pre-visits should be undertaken by staff running residential experiences for young people, in order to ensure the suitability of a venue and determine any risk factors which may be present. This enables staff to complete a full and informed risk assessment as required by law.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. The total cost of the visit for the staff will be met in full through the Twinning Association. There will be no financial cost to Nottinghamshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval is given for two County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to participate in the pre-visit to Heiligenhaus from 13 -16 October 2011.

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Constitutional Comments (LMc 14/09/11)

12. The Administration Urgency Sub-Committee has identical membership and terms of reference as the Administration Committee and may therefore approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (NDR 14/09/11)

13. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 11 of the report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Mansfield East:	Coun Martin Wright Coun Bob Cross
Mansfield North:	Coun Joyce Bosnjak Coun Parry Tsimbiridis
Mansfield South:	Coun Chris Winterton Coun Stephen Garner
Mansfield West:	Coun Victor Bobo Coun June Stendall
Warsop:	Coun John Allin

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