

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**OSBERTON HORSE TRIALS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information about the County Council's involvement in the Osberton Horse Trials 2012.

Information and Advice

2. The Osberton Horse Trials is an annual equestrian event held at Osberton Park, near Worksop. The event attracts many of the world's top three-day event riders and visitors from across the UK, and overseas, to the north of the county.
3. This year the event is to be held from Thursday 27 September to Sunday 30 September 2012. Over 4,000 visitors are expected over the four day programme which includes dressage, cross-country, show-jumping, pony club competitions alongside a caravan rally, trade stands and other activities.
4. Equestrian events including eventing, dressage and show-jumping have received considerable coverage at the recent London Olympics due to the success of the Great Britain teams in these sports.
5. The organisers of the Osberton Horse Trials, Bede Ltd. who are based in the Rushcliffe area, also organise the Belton Horse Trials in Lincolnshire. As part of this event Lincolnshire County Council promote the county, economic development priorities and local businesses. Bede Ltd would like Nottinghamshire County Council to consider undertaking a similar exercise at the Osberton Horse Trials and have offered Nottinghamshire County Council the free use of a small marquee for Thursday 27 September 2012 to trial this concept by promoting County Council services and or projects that have an impact on the local economy or support local residents.
6. It has been agreed to take up the offer of the use of the marquee to demonstrate how the County Council produces healthy local food for local people using, where possible, local producers and suppliers. This includes:
 - **County Enterprise Foods** (meals at home service) - Most meals are produced in Worksop. Local suppliers are used, where possible.

- **School Meals Service** -The service uses local producers, where possible, e.g. most of the meat is provided fresh from a local butcher; milk is sourced from Hockerton.
 - **Brooke Farm** – supply quality, local, seasonal produce
7. A number of the local producers, these services source products from, will be offered the opportunity to attend the event and to showcase their produce.
 8. There will also be a corporate stall with information about local visitor attractions and key County Council projects such as the Nottinghamshire Local Broadband Plan campaign. The marquee will be staffed by representatives of the above services.
 9. In addition to the Nottinghamshire County Council presence the organisers wished to showcase the event to local businesses. Via the County Council's business engagement work (Economic Development) the organisers were introduced to North Notts Business Connections (a business club / network for businesses in Bassetlaw who are members of the Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group). As a result the network is to hold a business event on Friday 28 September for 40 business people. Via this connection the organisers were introduced to a micro brewery in the Bassetlaw area – which has resulted in the organisation of a real ale festival at the event which will showcase approx 25 locally produced beers / ales.

Other Options Considered

10. The offer of the use of the marquee presents an opportunity to showcase County Council services and to explore how the event might positively impact on the local economy.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. The report is for information purposes.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. 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

13. Costs would be limited to travel costs for NCC staff attending the event and to the hiring of some tables and chairs for display purposes.

Equalities Implications

14. The event is open to all residents of Nottinghamshire. There is no entry fee on Thursday 27 September 2012.

RECOMMENDATION/S

15. That the report be noted.

Report of the Leader of the County Council

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Constitutional Comments

16. Because this report is for noting only no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (DJK 14.08.12)

17. The financial costs, which should be minimal, will be contained within the Economic Development revenue budget for 2012/13.

Background Papers

18. None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

19. All – the event is open to all residents of Nottinghamshire.