



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ENRICHMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Youth Support Service: Young People's Residential Visit to Krakow, Poland

Purpose of report

1. To seek approval for four County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to travel abroad to lead a young people's residential visit to Poland. The proposed period of travel is 27 – 29 October 2009.

Information and advice

Background

2. The 16 young people who will be involved in the visit come from three separate groups in Nottinghamshire. One group is in contact with the Youth Support Service district team in Newark and Sherwood; the remaining two are linked to the Youth Support Service's Skills for Employment provision in Ollerton and Warsop.
3. 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 the peer education of others.
4. The project has been developed in response to requests by the young people involved. The young people have been instrumental in planning and applying for funding for the visit, and to this end have successfully applied for funding from the Nottinghamshire Youth Opportunity Fund to meet all the costs of the visit.
5. Outline approval for the project has been given by the Head of the Youth Support Service. Each of the youth workers involved have undergone training in accordance with the Youth Support Service's policy for residential visits.

6. In consequence, approval is sought for four County Council Officers to take part in the visit. The officers seeking approval are two Youth Workers and two Youth Support Workers.

Statutory and policy implications

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

Financial implications

8. The total cost of the residential for the whole group (including staff) is £4,050. The costs will be met in full from the Nottinghamshire Youth Opportunity Fund following a successful application by the young people involved.
9. There is no financial cost to Nottinghamshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That approval is given for four County Council officers from the Youth Support Service to participate in the planned residential visit to Poland from 27 – 29 October 2009.

DEREK HIGTON

Service Director for Enrichment and Engagement

Legal Services comments (LM/8.9.2009)

11. The Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)

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

Background papers available for inspection

None

Electoral divisions affected

Newark and Sherwood
Mansfield

M19C2460