



meeting	Administration Committee	
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REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REGENERATION

ATTENDANCE AT THE JOINT COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN / ENGLISH PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL MEMBERS' FORUM

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Councillor Chris Winterton to attend a joint Coalfield Communities Campaign (CCC) / English Partnerships (EP) members' forum in Wakefield on 17 March 2005.

Information and Advice

2. Under the Travel and Accommodation Policy and other arrangements approved by the full Council on 7 October 2004, this Committee is the appropriate body for considering/approving attendance at a range of events and the travel and accommodation requirements arising therefrom.
3. This report describes a proposal which is within the Committee's decision-making powers and Members are asked to consider whether attendance at the event should be approved for Councillor Winterton, together with the necessary travel arrangements.
4. The information included within the following sections of the report should ensure compliance with normal decision-making rules. If attendance is approved, the details referred to below will be used to compile the public Register, which is available on the Council's web-site.

Reasons for attendance

5. The joint CCC / EP members' forum at Wakefield takes place 17 March 2005.

6. Approval is sought for Councillor Winterton to attend for the following reasons:-
- Councillor Winterton is the County Council's nominated representative on the CCC and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration;
 - English Partnerships are involved in the regeneration of over a hundred former coalfield sites across the country, 13 of which are within Nottinghamshire;
 - The agenda offers the opportunity for CCC members to find out more about the EP programme and to lobby for further assistance for Nottinghamshire.

Travel and Accommodation requirements

7. The County Council's representative will not require any hotel accommodation, but will travel to the venue by car.
8. The costs associated with the event are as follows:-

Description	Amount	To be met from
Conference fee	£55.00	Regeneration Portfolio Budget
Travelling expenses	100 miles @ 50.5p = £50.50	

9. The travelling expenses shown above are by car because the meeting starts at 9.30 in the morning and car travel is the only reasonable way to reach the venue without necessitating an overnight stay.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report is necessary to ensure compliance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation policy and current arrangements for approving attendance at conferences, seminars and Member Training events. The needs of individual travellers will have been considered when compiling the report and, where departures from the policy are recommended, Members should consider the reasons given.

Recommendation

11. That approval is given for Councillor Winterton to attend the event, at the costs detailed above.

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Legal Services' Comments

This matter falls within the delegations to the Administration Committee. The Council has powers under the Local Government Act 2000 to do anything likely to improve the economic, social or environmental well being of its area or of people within its area. The Council lists amongst its priorities, culture, environment and the community. The Committee must be satisfied that the proposals and recommendations in this report fall within the provisions of the statutory power and will improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the area and in doing so the Committee must have regard to the matters set out in the Council's Community Strategy.(JA 28.01.05)

Director of Resources' Financial Comments(C.C)(P.B)

The costs estimated at £100 will be funded from the Members' Budget within the Regeneration Budget.

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

Invitation flyer

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All