



meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER, DECISION MAKING, GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY**

### **DISCOVERY AWARD ASSOCIATION – PRESENTATION OF DISCOVERY AWARDS – 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This is a request for the provision of hospitality at the Presentation of Discovery Awards in the Assembly Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

#### **Background**

2. The Discovery Award for people over fifty years of age is based on the extremely successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people and was devised by a small group of people in 1987.
3. A need was recognised by that group for an achievement award for the over fifty age group to motivate and help to establish a feeling of well-being. This was achieved by providing a challenge to the participants in four sections, namely: service in the community, physical activity, hobbies and a journey, but it was devised so that anyone could participate whatever their physical ability of circumstances. At a recent Awards Presentation 23 people received their Gold Awards, having given a total of not less than 2,500 hours of community service, spent 3,800 hours on their hobbies and interests and put in about 1,250 in physical activities. These awardees have already given a similar amount of service for their Bronze and Silver Awards.
4. Nottinghamshire County Council's Chairman has received a request to host this event. There would be 100 people at the presentation ceremony for whom tea/coffee and sandwiches would be provided at a cost of £320 (£3.20 per head).

#### **Recommendation**

5. That approval is given for hospitality in the form of tea/coffee and sandwiches to be provided at the presentation of certificates for The Discovery Award Association with the cost of £320 being met from the County Hospitality Budget.

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**Legal Services' Comments (KK)**

6. The Administration Committee is responsible for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee.

**Strategic Director - Resources Financial Comments (MB)**

7. The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

**Background Papers**

8. Letter from The Trent Discovery Award dated 5 March, 2008.