

Agenda Item: 6 (c)**REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT
SERVICES****EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 23–29 JULY: CIVIC
EVENT ON 27 JULY 2012****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a reception for approximately 80 people, including civic representatives and representatives from countries competing in the European Dragon Boat Racing Championships, to be held on 27 July 2012 at the National Water Sports Centre.

Information and Advice**Background**

2. The European Dragon Boat Association have selected the National Water Sports Centre (NWSC) to host their European Championships between 23 and 29 July 2012. Two other venues were competing to host the championships and the NWSC was chosen because of its central location, site infrastructure and track record of organising major events.
3. The championships have attracted entries from nine countries, including Poland, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands. Club Crews will also be competing in a charity event resulting in more than 1,000 people competing and staying in Nottinghamshire. The main venue for accommodation is Nottingham University.
4. It is proposed that the County Council hosts a small reception for team managers and senior delegates to welcome them to Nottinghamshire and thank them for their decision to host their championships at the NWSC. The reception (for a maximum of 60 guests) will follow the opening ceremony of the event at which County Council representatives have been asked to attend to formally open the event.

Other Options Considered

5. Consideration has been given to hosting the event out of County Hall. However, this option has been rejected as the participants will be competing immediately after the opening ceremony.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. The hosting of the European Dragon Boat Championships is an excellent opportunity to showcase further the facilities at the NWSC. The Championships will attract significant local and regional media interest that will increase the profile of the Centre as a venue for international events.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, 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

8. It is estimated that the cost of this reception, to include sandwiches and drinks, will be approximately £500. The costs for this event can be met from the Children, Families and Cultural Services budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the County Council hosts a reception for the country representatives attending the European Dragon Boat Championships on 27 July 2012.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 02/07/12)

9. The Committee is responsible for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council (paragraph 55(d) of Part 4(A)(Terms of Reference) of the Constitution). The Committee is the appropriate body to decide the matter set out in this report.

Financial Comments (NDR 02/07/12)

10. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 8 of the report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected All. C0042