



meeting            ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### **Environmental Education Liaison Meetings in Derbyshire**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. This report makes a request for the provision of hospitality for an environmental education liaison meeting in Derbyshire.

#### **Information and Advice**

##### **Background**

2. The County Council's Education Department maintains two residential Environmental Education Centres in Derbyshire, at Hagg Farm in the Derwent Valley and St. Michael's in Hathersage. Excellent working relationships have been developed with the Peak District National Park and with landowners, farmers and the local community surrounding these centres. These working relationships ensure local support for the centres and allow access for school groups onto privately owned land for environmental education activities.
3. Annual liaison meetings have been established in Derbyshire for representatives of interested parties in order that the County Council's policies and plans for the centres can be explained, and issues, ideas and concerns discussed. At the meeting, guests and centre staff are provided with a meal. It is proposed that this year's meeting with hospitality takes place in December 2005.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report. Members' attention is however drawn to the following:-

## **Financial Implications**

5. The cost of the meeting is estimated at £600 and this will be met from the Education Department's Budget for Hospitality, which amounts to £4,000 in the 2005/06 financial year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

6. That approval be given to the provision of hospitality for the Environmental Education Liaison meeting in Derbyshire to be held in December 2005.

## **PAM TULLEY**

Director of Education

## **Reasons for Recommendation**

7. In order to maintain the current good local support for the Centres.

## **Other Options Considered**

8. Not holding the event with hospitality, this would be detrimental to the current good relationships.

## **Legal Services' Comments (KMS/05.10.05)**

9. The Administration Committee has delegated authority to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council. The Committee must be satisfied that offering hospitality is a proper use of County Council funds.

## **Director of Resources Financial Comments (PWH)**

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

## **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None

## **Electoral Division(s) Affected**

Nottinghamshire

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