



meeting      **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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## **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES**

### **DISCOVERY AWARD ASSOCIATION – PRESENTATION OF DISCOVERY AWARDS - 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

This is a request for the provision of hospitality at the Presentation of Discovery Awards in the Assembly Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

#### **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.

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.

- 2.1 Nottinghamshire County Council's Chairman has received a request to host this event. There would be approximately 100 people at the presentation ceremony for whom tea and biscuits would be provided at an estimated cost of £145

#### **Financial Implications**

3. The financial implications are set out in the main body of the report. When making a decision on this request, the Committee should have

regard to the outstanding balance available in the budget and to commitments already agreed.

### **Statutory & Policy Implications**

4. The County Hospitality budget is within the purview of the Administration Committee, which has the authority to determine the nature and level of hospitality to be provided.

### **Recommendation**

That approval is given for tea/coffee and biscuits to be provided for a presentation of certificates for The Discovery Award Association at an estimated cost of £145 to be met from the County Hospitality Budget.

**PATRICIA MAYFIELD**  
**HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES**

### **Head of Legal Services' Comments (KK)**

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

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

The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

### **Background Papers**

Available for inspection.