

20 February 2013

Agenda Item: 6(a)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT

COMPLETION CEREMONY AND FAMILY FUN DAY TO MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW BUS STATION FOR MANSFIELD

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for arrangements for a 'Completion Ceremony' and separate 'Family Fun day' to be held at the new Mansfield Bus Station located at Quaker Way, Mansfield. The date of the Completion Ceremony is 11th March 2013 with the Family Fun day to take place on 30th March 2013 with the bus station becoming fully operational on Sunday 31st March 2013.

Information and Advice

2. The bus station has been funded via contributions from Department for Transport (DfT), NCC and Mansfield District Council (MDC). Upon completion the bus station will be owned and operated by NCC (MDC will contribute 50% of running costs).
3. The purpose of the event, which is to be attended by The Right Honourable Patrick McLaughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, is to celebrate the completion of the new NCC owned bus station building whilst the family fun day will give the public a chance to view the new facility before it becomes fully operational.
4. In addition to Members of Parliament, The Chairman, Leader, Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee and local councillors, a number of NCC staff who have made an important contribution to the successful completion of the project will also be invited. Additionally a number of local people will be invited to attend including representatives of the Business Improvement District organisation, Town Centre Partnership and local schools. It is also intended to invite a number of representatives from key contractors involved in the scheme development.

Elected representatives to be invited are:

- Cllr Carol Pepper (Chairman)
- Cllr Kay Cutts (Leader)
- Cllr Richard Jackson (Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee)
- Cllr Reg Adair (Chairman of Finance and Property Committee)

- Mark Spencer MP
- Patrick Mercer OBE
- Sir Alan Meale MP
- Cllr Victor Bobo (Mansfield West)
- Cllr Joyce Bosnjak (Mansfield North)
- Cllr Bob Cross (Mansfield East)
- Cllr Stephen Garner (Mansfield South)
- Cllr June Stendall (Mansfield West)
- Cllr Parry Tsimbiridis (Mansfield North)
- Cllr Chris Winterton (Mansfield South)
- Cllr Martin Wright (Mansfield East)

Appropriate officers will also be invited.

5. The Completion Ceremony will take place from 10am for around one hour; refreshments will be served along with tea, coffee and biscuits. Catering will be provided by NCC's Catering Service. In addition to speeches there will be live music, refreshments will also be provided at the family fun day along with live music and family friendly activities.
6. A £5,000 budget has been set aside to cover the cost of arranging both events. This is from the Major Projects and Improvements budget.

Other Options Considered

7. An option does exist not to mark the completion of this much anticipated and significant project in Mansfield Town Centre, given the local interest in the bus station it is considered appropriate to mark the occasion with the events described. In addition to promoting the efforts of the local authorities in securing the project the events will also help to publicise the new facility, encourage more people to use the new facility and help people find out where buses will arrive and depart from.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled having given due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty and after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, 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

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is RECOMMENDED that approval be given for the completion ceremony and family day during March 2013 at the new bus station at a cost of £5,000 funded from the Major Projects and Improvements budget.

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Constitutional Comments

9. The Committee is the appropriate body to consider the matters set out in this report. The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes the power to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Financial Comments (TMR 24.01.13)

10. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 6 of the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All Mansfield Wards