

**REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, ACHIEVEMENT AND EQUALITY TEAM****SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD CIVIC EVENT****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a civic reception for approximately 200 people including school children, parents, carers, teaching staff and local authority representatives to be held on 17 October 2012 at County Hall.

**Information and Advice****Background**

2. The County Council is committed to combating the effects of anti-social behaviour and undertaking measures to strengthen communities.
3. The County Council has supported the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign which has been promoted this year in schools throughout the County. The campaign centres on an art competition which has become an established part of many schools' PSHE and Citizenship programmes. This involves settings being provided with an educational support pack which can be used to stimulate discussion around the subject of racism and discrimination. Young people are then encouraged to design a poster or produce a poem or other piece which is then entered in our local competition. The winning entries are later submitted to the national competition. Staff and the young people themselves have responded enthusiastically and the quality of work produced evidences the impact this programme has on the young people who participate in the programme. The awards ceremony is an opportunity to further encourage them and to recognise their achievements.
4. It is proposed that the County Council hosts a civic reception for the children and young people participating in this project, their teachers and other support staff, parents, carers and other representatives from public services and community and voluntary sector organisations and the press (approximately 200 guests in total) to acknowledge the work of the young people and award prizes to the best pieces of work originated by the children (the winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges). The prizes will be provided through the national Show Racism the Red Card charity. The format of the reception would be a welcome by a representative of the County Council, brief speeches by the Chairman of the County Council and the Chairman of the Early Years and Young People's Sub-Committee, followed by the presentation of awards, photographs and departure. This reception will take place on 17 October 2012 at County Hall.

## **Other Options Considered**

5. Consideration has been given to moving the event out of County Hall to the Nottingham Forest Football Ground. However, this option has been rejected due to the additional costs which would be incurred in hiring the venue.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. The Awards event has taken place for a number of years as a civic event. Children, young people and their families value the opportunity to meet with Councillors and the Chairman and attend County Hall.

## **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 hot and cold drinks, would be approximately £450. The costs for this event can be met from the Children, Families and Cultural Services Achievement and Equality Team's budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the County Council hosts a civic reception for the Show Racism the Red Card Awards on 17 October 2012.

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## **Constitutional Comments (CEH 13/06/12)**

9. The decision falls within the remit of the Administration Committee.

## **Financial Comments (NDR 11/06/12)**

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

## **Background Papers**

None.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected - All. C0019**