



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITIES

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES (BBC) – CELEBRATION EVENT

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for hospitality to be provided at the BBC Celebration event on Tuesday 17th June 2008.

Background

2. Building Better Communities is a key five year initiative from the County Council to raise the quality and sustainability of the County's environment. Whilst the County Council is the project's main driver, a large number of partner organisations ranging from government agencies to local community and environmental groups participate in its development and delivery. The celebration event will be an opportunity for potential collaborators to find out more details about the initiative and indicate their continued willingness to support it and review the achievements over the past four years.

Arrangements for the Celebration Event

3. It is proposed to hold the celebration event from 10.00 to 13.30 on Tuesday 17th June 2008 at The John Fretwell Centre, Mansfield. The centre is fully accessible for people with impaired movement and has a purpose built conference facility. Approximately 200 guests will be invited, including members of the County Council and representatives from GOEM, EMDA, EMRA, the Countryside Agency, English Heritage, District Councils, local strategic partnerships, local and parish councils, town centre management groups and community groups. A buffet lunch will be provided. The estimated cost of providing hospitality is in the region of £4,000 depending on the numbers accepting invitations. The total cost of the event is anticipated to be £6,000 which is a reduction on the previous two years.

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of the report. Members' attention is, however, drawn to specifics as follows:

Financial Implications

5. The costs associated with the celebration event of about £6,000 will be contained within the overall BBC budget.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is RECOMMENDED that approval be given to provide hospitality as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

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Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The financial implications are as set out in the report.

Legal Services' Comments

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

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

None.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All.