



Agenda Item: 5 (b)

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - HIGHWAYS

**DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR THE SCHOOL CROSSING
PATROL SERVICE**

Purpose of the Report

To gain approval from the Administration Committee for the organisation of an event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) service.

Information and Advice

- 1 Legislation for the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Service was launched in March 1953 and a service has been operating in Nottinghamshire since that time, firstly by the Police, then for the last forty one years by Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 2 Road Safety Great Britain (RSGB) are planning a national press release and providing a specially designed certificate for SCPs across the country. The date of the press launch is still to be determined but it is likely to be late May or June.
- 3 On a regional level, it has also been decided to issue each Patrol with a commemorative badge. Locally the opportunity will be used to enhance the image of the service by ensuring local media coverage, which will increase our recruitment opportunities.
- 4 At a local level it is hoped to pay tribute to our patrols by hosting a reception at County Hall to which the Chairman will be invited, including a light buffet lunch, costing no more than £1,500. We would use the event to present the badges and certificates and update our golden jubilee picture by patrols forming a '60' outside County Hall.
- 5 To enable patrols from the outlying areas the opportunity to attend it is planned to provide bus transport to collect and return patrols to the area in which they live, approximate costs £1,200.
- 6 It is hoped to make this a high profile event, attracting some of the longest serving and oldest ex-patrols to share their memories of the service over the last sixty years.

- 7 Members will be encouraged to make June a 'Get to know your patrol' month, by arranging to meet patrols within their wards, on site during their duty time.
- 8 Funding for this event, plus the badges, will be found from the SCP budget, unless sponsorship can be obtained.

Other Options Considered

9. For Road Safety staff to present the badges and certificates at approximately 11 smaller area meetings for SCPs.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. For Members to show their continued support for a much appreciated public service, provided by committed frontline workers.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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.

Implications for Service Users

12. If the event is held during the May half-term holiday, then there will be no impact on service users. However if the event needs to be held during term-time, some SCPs may need to take leave from other lunch-time jobs.

Financial Implications

13. Total costs for the event are anticipated to be around £3,000 for a maximum of 150 people, which will be found from the SCP budget.

Equality Implications

14. Bus transport to be provided for those patrols who would have difficulty travelling to County Hall.

RECOMMENDATION/S

15. It is recommended that this committee gives its full support to this event, in recognition of the dedication from these frontline workers who work in all weather and road conditions to keep children safe on schools journeys.

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For any enquiries about this report please contact:

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Constitutional Comments (LMcC 22/02/2013)

16. The Administration Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (TMR 25/02/2013)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All