



meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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REPORT OF THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CULTURE & COMMUNITY (LEISURE & CULTURE)

CIVIC RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To consider a request to support a civic buffet reception in the Randall Suite at Trent Bridge in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottingham City Council.

Background

- 2 In 2005 Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club won the County Championship for the first time since 1987. In so doing so the Club brought prestige and publicity to Nottinghamshire. The Club is also actively involved in promoting cricket to local children and works closely with the County Council's Sports Service to encourage greater local participation.
- 3 For logistical reasons it proved impossible to organise a celebration function immediately after the end of the 2005 season. The nature of cricketers' contracts leads many players to commence employment in the southern hemisphere in the early Autumn.
- 4 In order to recognise the relationship between the County Cricket Club and local authorities, it is proposed to hold a joint function at Trent Bridge on 10 April. The event will both celebrate the achievements of 2005 and look forward to the start of the 2006 season.
- 5 It is proposed to accommodate 200 guests for the reception, the invitation list being equally divided between the four parties. The total number of guests, which would include Members and Officers from the County Council is, therefore, 50 and the costs for this reception are

outlined below. It is proposed to share the costs of the event between the three authorities equally.

Buffet – to include food and drink for 200 guests	
@ £17 per person -	£3400
Photographs of the event	£200

The County Council's contribution would therefore total £1200.

Financial Implications

- 6 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

- 7 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 to a reception on 10 April 2006 to celebrate the success of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club at a cost of £1200 to be met from the County Hospitality Budget.

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Legal Services' Comments (KK/9.3.06)

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.

Director of Resources Financial Comments (RE/MB)

The financial implications are outlined in the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Divisions Affected

Nottinghamshire