



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Report to the Administration Committee

13 December 2011

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPORTS AWARDS 2012

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a civic hospitality for approximately 400 people who will attend the annual Nottinghamshire Sports Awards.

Information and Advice

2. The sports awards are a way in which the County Council supports and celebrates the achievements of local people. Whilst celebrating success the event also recognises the invaluable contribution of the voluntary sports sector to life in Nottinghamshire. Next year would be the 20th year of the event.
3. In what will be Olympics and Paralympics year there is an opportunity to both recognise achievements and inspire our athletes and volunteers towards lifelong involvement in sport. Nottinghamshire aspires to have athletes at the Olympics and Paralympics as well as potentially providing some volunteers and Torch Bearers.
4. The County Council sports awards also link to those organised by district and borough councils. Their winners will make up the initial finalists which will be judged to a top three in each category. Where possible winners names are also passed to the BBC for inclusion in the regional and national awards ceremonies. The County Council event is therefore a key link in the recognition of those who contribute to sport in the County.
5. The categories for the awards reflect the contribution of individuals and teams to the success of community sport in the County and the diverse categories recognise as many key roles in local sport as possible. There is also a new category this year of Sporting School of the Year, reflecting the impact of participation through schools on community sport. This year's categories are:
 - Junior Team
 - Young Coach
 - Junior Sportsperson
 - Young Volunteer
 - Junior Disabled Sportsperson
 - Team of the Year

- Coach of the Year – Performance
 - Coach of the Year – Community
 - Sportsperson
 - Volunteer of the Year
 - Disabled Sportsperson
 - Roll of Honour
 - Club of the Year
 - Sporting School of the Year
6. The 20th Nottinghamshire sports awards will take place for the second year at the Becket School on Thursday 16 February 2012, having moved from the East Midlands Conference Centre. The format of the evening will include: video presentations, interviews with sporting celebrities and the announcement of award winners. The event is well publicised and reported by the media and support in preparing for the evening and compering on the night is given by presenters from BBC East Midlands.
7. The £7,000 budget allocated to the event will pay for venue hire, limited refreshments, audio visual support, filming, trophies, tickets, presenter costs and programmes.

Other Options Considered

8. A range of venues were considered which could have hosted the event and following analysis it was decided that the Becket School provided the best value for money and offered the flexible space required to manage the event.

Reason for Recommendation

9. The sports awards are attended by 400 invited guests from across sporting and public life and offer an opportunity for the County Council to publicly show its support to those who contribute to sport in the County. It also clearly identifies in the minds of the public the connection between our investment and sporting achievement at grassroots and elite level.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled 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.

Financial Implications

11. £7,000 is allocated in the Cultural Services budget for 2011/2012 and £1,000 sponsorship has already been secured from Sport Nottinghamshire and Notts Schools' Council for Sport, £500 each. In addition, Corporate Communications are looking at other potential sources. The element of budget allocated for hospitality is £800.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) It is recommended that approval be given for hospitality to be provided at the annual Nottinghamshire Sports Awards on Thursday, 16th February 2012.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 15/11/11)

12. By virtue of the Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, at paragraph 10.6, the Committee has the power to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Financial Comments (NDR 15/11/11)

13. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 11 of the report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

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