

# Report



meeting Administration Committee

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## **FEEDBACK AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM HOSPITALITY EVENTS**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To feedback from hospitality events approved by the Administration Committee and Urgency Sub Committee.

### **2. Background**

Any events which involve the provision of hospitality by the County Council, either from the County Hospitality budget or departmental budgets, require approval by the Administration Committee or the Urgency Sub Committee.

The following feedback / acknowledgements have been received since the meeting of Administration Committee on 28 April 2010:-

#### **a) Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificate Presentations – Rushcliffe Area – 13 April 2010**

Comments from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Organiser (Rushcliffe) to the Civic Office:-

“We had a very good evening at County Hall for the presentation of Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Approximately 170 people attended to celebrate the achievement of young people in Rushcliffe.

We like using County Hall, as it is a much nicer venue than a school hall and makes the presentation a much more special event. Geographically it is also better as it is easier for all the participants and their parents to come to a central location.

We appreciate very much being able to use the Hall and find the staff we deal with: administration, site management and catering very helpful and obliging”.

**b) Civic Reception for volunteers working with the Countryside Access Team – 19 April 2010**

A Reception was held to thank volunteers that have helped the Countryside Access Team. Volunteers were from three areas of work, the Parish Paths Partnership project, the Local Access Forum and the Survey volunteer team. Over 45 volunteers attended from all over the county. Guests were welcomed to the Assembly Hall by the Chairman and senior members of the department (Steve Calvert, and Neil Hunt). They had the chance to look at a number of displays around the room and admire some photos of the county shown on the large screen, before the Chairman's speech.

Mr Allan Rogers (on behalf of the volunteers) responded to the Chairman's welcome speech thanking the Countryside Access Team for their hard work, dedication and ability to work with volunteers to help improve the rights of way network in the county. He also thanked the Chairman and the County Council for their hospitality in providing the reception. He then thanked all the volunteers for their ongoing hard work and input.

Volunteers had a chance to meet like minded people, exchange ideas and find out who was local to them. It was a very enjoyable evening and one for which the team has had a number of thanks from the volunteers for organising the evening both at the event and after.

**c) Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificate Presentations – Gedling Area – 5 May 2010**

Christine Statham, secretary of the Gedling branch, wrote as follows:-,

"On the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> May we were delighted to be hosted by the Chairman of the County Council as 100 young people from the Gedling Area of Nottingham received their Awards.

On this occasion 73 Bronze Awards were presented by the Mayor of Gedling to candidates from The Wheldon and Carlton le Willows Schools and the Gedling Open Group, also 12 Silver Awards were presented by the Chairman and 15 Gold Awards were presented by Richard Whitehead a local paralympic athlete with many world records.

In the audience were parents, sponsors and the volunteer leaders of the young people who were impressed with the support of the County Council in providing such a prestigious venue and applauding the efforts of the candidates in their Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition challenges to gain the Awards.

It is to be commended that the County Council show such a high level of support for the young people of the County and particularly of the huge army of volunteer adults who give freely of their time and skills to enable the young people to have the opportunity to take up the character-building activities of the Award.

If this was converted to financial terms it would be shown that the County gains tens of thousands of pounds each year in committed youth work!

It is fitting that County Hall should be seen as the venue for encouraging and applauding the successes of the Youth of the County.”

**d) Adult Learners’ Week Celebration – 19 May 2010**

This event was attended by 90 people, and included learners, tutors, learning support assistants, representatives of organisations who deliver courses for the Adult & Community Learning Service (ACLS) and ACLS team members. The attendees included the following Councillors and Senior Officers:-Cllr John Cottee, Cllr Martin Suthers, Cllr Allen Clarke, Peter Gaw (Head of Libraries, Archives and Information), Patrick Candler (Service Director Cultural Services) and Tim Malynn (Corporate Director Communities). Individual Learners, Groups of Learners, Tutors, Learning Support Assistants and organisations were presented with awards for outstanding achievement. Senior Officers have subsequently thanked the staff who organised the event, and the catering team, for a very positive and well organised event.

**3. Statutory and Policy Implications**

Members have requested feedback from such events to inform their future decision-making. This feedback also records any acknowledgements received from attendees at events.

**4. Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

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**Legal Services’ Comments (SMG 26/05/2010)**

This report is for noting only.

**Comments of the Service Director (Finance)**

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

**Background Papers Available for Public Inspection**

None

**Electoral Division(s) Affected**

All