



meeting            ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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## **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES**

### **Parent Partnership Service 10 Year Celebrations**

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

To request that the Administration Committee consider a buffet reception to recognise the ten year celebration of Parent Partnership across the City and County of Nottinghamshire.

#### **Background**

2. The Chairman of the County Council has received a letter from the Acting Parent Partnership Service Officer requesting that the County Council host a buffet reception in recognition of the joint service of The Family Welfare Association, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council whose philosophical and practical approaches to special educational needs have contributed significantly to public recognition that this Parent Partnership Service is one of the best in the country.

By their approach, both councils have encouraged partnership between parents and the services that resource special educational provision. The Parent Partnership Project works closely with

- Parents and carers of pre-school and school-age children with special educational needs
- Schools and pre-school services
- Children and young people of school age
- Voluntary organisations and parents' groups
- Social Services
- Health Services
- Early years and childcare services

The framework for all that Parent Partnership Service does is the SEN Code of Practice which is firm about the theme of partnership, and the celebration event would express partnership between County, City and parents. Currently over 2,500 families have

benefited from this partnership and the work includes a helpline, work with fathers, Asian communities, specific work around excluded pupils and events for parents.

### **Recommendation**

3. That Admin Committee approve the provision of a lunchtime buffet reception for approximately 200 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, with the estimated cost of £3,314 made up of - £3,000 Catering Costs, £250 Photographer and £64 for Invitations being met from the County Hospitality Budget.

**Patricia Mayfield**  
**Head of Members Services Committee**

### **Legal Services' Comments (KK)**

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 (R/MB)**

The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

### **Background Papers**

Correspondence and leaflet from Parent Partnership Service