



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES (BBC) – COMMUNITY GIFT COMPETITION – PRIZE GIVING

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for hospitality to be provided at the BBC Community Gift competition celebration prize giving event on Saturday 26th April 2008.

Background

Building Better Communities is a major County Council initiative designed to improve the environmental quality of local communities. The competition was open to all residents of Nottinghamshire and attracted a very good response both from the general public and the local media. To enter the competition residents wrote a 'letter to Santa' and told us what they would like to do to improve their local environment if they had £5000 to spend. 7 winners have been chosen, providing one scheme for each district in the County to be included in the BBC programme for implementation this financial year. Prizes will be presented by the Chairman of the County Council.

As so many good entries were received, most of which were for schemes over £5000, we have invited a number of runners up to come along to the celebration. The celebration event will be an opportunity for members of the public to find out more details about the initiative, raise the awareness of the programme and stimulate interest in submitting scheme suggestions.

Arrangements for the Celebration Event

3. It is proposed to hold the prize giving event from 2.00 to 3.30pm on Saturday 26th April 2008 at The Talbot Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford Country Park. The venue is fully accessible for people with impaired movement. Approximately 100 guests will be invited, primarily members of the public who entered the competition along with County Council Members. A light afternoon tea will be provided. The estimated cost of providing hospitality is in the region of £1700 depending on the numbers accepting invitations.

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of the report. Members' attention is, however, drawn to specifics as follows:

Financial Implications

5. The costs associated with the prize giving event of about £1700 will be contained within the overall BBC budget.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is RECOMMENDED that approval be given to provide hospitality as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

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Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The financial implications are as set out in the report.

Legal Services' Comments

"The Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve hospitality to be offered by the County Council. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee."

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

None.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All.