



meeting **Administration Committee**

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**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SAFETY,
REGENERATION AND PROTECTION**

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK CELEBRATION

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to hold the Regional NIACE (The National Institute for Adult Continuing Education) Awards celebration event on 22nd May 2008 as part of Adult Learners' Week 2008.

Information and Advice

2. Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest celebration of learning. It promotes education and training for adults, provides access to information and guidance, motivates and celebrates their learning achievements. Started in 1992, it is a collaborative venture between education and training providers, broadcasters and national and local government.
3. With its nationwide promotional campaign and high profile activities, Adult Learners' Week offers organisations like the County Council a framework to promote our learning provision. This is the 17th year that Adult Learners' Week has been celebrated in the UK. Further information on Adult Learners' Week is available on www.niace.org.uk/alw

Adult and Community Learning Service (ACLS)

4. ACLS supports over 8,000 learners a year throughout Nottinghamshire. For many, this represents the first step back into learning in a long time. For others, it is the first time that they have received a certificate or been commended on their achievements. Through its work with partners, individuals and communities, ACLS seeks to raise aspirations and celebrating success is a major part of this work.
5. Since its inception in 2001, ACLS has supported or held a range of celebratory events. This year the service has been approached by NIACE to host its regional East Midlands Awards ceremony. NIACE is the largest organisation working to promote the interests of adult learners and

potential learners in England and Wales. The Awards ceremony is a prestigious event and will serve to raise the profile of Nottinghamshire County Council. During the evening learners from across the region will be presented with Adult Learning Awards sponsored by NIACE, the Learning and Skills Council and the Open College Network.

6. The Adult Learners' event will be held in the Assembly Rooms at County Hall during the evening of May 22nd. The event is currently being planned by a small working group and it is likely that approximately 160 learners and members of learning organisations form across the East Midlands will be present.

Expenditure

7. The estimated expenditure is as follows:

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| Publicity & Marketing materials | 1000 |
| Buffet and refreshments | 1430 |
| Framed Certificates | 600 |
| Gift Plaques | 600 |
| Performing Artists | 500 |
| Photography | 350 |
| Décor/Flowers | 100 |
| Estimated Total | £4580 |

NIACE will contribute up to £6,000 for the ceremony. Any costs exceeding this amount will come from the ACLS budget which sits in the Culture and Regeneration portfolio.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that approval be given to support the regional Adult Learners' Week celebration on 22nd May 2008, as outlined in this report.

Richard Hodge
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Legal Services' Comments

The Administration Committee has delegated authority to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council. The proposal in this report is therefore with the remit of this Committee. [KK 13.03.08]

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The financial implications are noted in the report (DD 11/03/2008)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All