



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

Christmas Appeal

Purpose

To propose hospitality in connection with the Appeal

Background

For many years, the County Council, through its Social Services Department, has arranged an appeal for toys which are given to children known to the Department. The Appeal usually runs during November and December and the Council accepts both toys and cash. This year, due to safety issues relating to secondhand toys, which may not meet latest safety legislation, the emphasis will be on new toys or cash.

One of the major supporters of the Appeal is the motor-cycling community, both within Nottinghamshire and nationally. For the last 25 years, they have organised a Toy Run, whereby they bring toys to County Hall on a pre-arranged date and present them to the Chairman of the County Council.

This year, the riders have been publicising their event and it is to take place on Saturday, 3 December 2005. It is anticipated that around 2,000 riders will come to County Hall. Some of them will have travelled long distances and, in accordance with previous practice, the Committee is asked whether it wishes to offer hospitality.

Clearly, this number of people cannot be accommodated within the Assembly Hall or any of the other accommodation normally used for hospitality purposes. It is therefore suggested that refreshments be served outside of County Hall in between the pillars at the rear of the building

The estimated cost of the hospitality is £1,300.

RECOMMENDED

That consideration be given to the provision of the hospitality described in the report.

P A Holt-Murphy
Head of Members' Services

Director of Resources Financial Comments (MB)

The cost can be met from the 2005/06 budget for County Hospitality.

Legal Services' Comments (KK)

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