

report



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Members' visit to the Learning Outside the Classroom centres

Purpose of report

1. This report proposes a visit by Members to three day and residential Learning Outside the Classroom centres on 11 March 2010.

Information and advice

2. The County Council's Learning Outside the Classroom Service provides a range of education support to schools including two residential and three day-visit education centres. From time to time Members have been invited to view the work of the Service. The last organised Members' visit to the centres took place in March 2009.
3. This proposed visit is to the day centre at Perlethorpe and to the residential centres at Hagg Farm and St Michael's, both located in the Peak District National Park in Derbyshire. Members will have the opportunity to view the centres and see pupils involved in environmental and outdoor activities. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
4. A particular invitation will be extended to those Members who have not seen the work of the centres first hand. The visit will aim to illustrate the quality and value of this provision in extending and enriching classroom based learning, in developing pupils' understanding of sustainability themes, personal and social skills, self-confidence, working independently, taking responsibilities, self-esteem and motivation for learning.
5. It is useful that Members understand the unique nature of this provision, which links directly with pupils' curriculum and is highly valued by schools particularly as Children's Services develop within the County Council.

Statutory and policy implications

6. 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.

Financial implications

7. The anticipated cost of the visit will be between £250 and £500. This will cover transport, lunch and refreshments and will be dependent on the final numbers attending which will be known by the deadline of 29 January 2010. Costs will be met from the Learning Outside the Classroom budget.

Crime and disorder implications

8. Learning experiences at the centres contribute to pupils' personal and social education and the development of respect for themselves and others; and to sustainable schools and the environment.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That approval be given for a visit by Members to the day and residential environmental education centres on 11 March 2010.

ANTHONY MAY

Corporate Director for Children and Young People's Services

Legal Services' comments (LM26.11.2009)

10. The Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)

11. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background papers available for public inspection

Nil

Electoral division(s) affected

Nottinghamshire
M19C2510