



Agenda Item: 5 (a)

**REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT
SERVICES**

**MEMBERS' VISIT TO THE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
RESIDENTIAL CENTRES**

Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks approval for a visit by Members to two Outdoor and Environmental Education residential centres on 4 October 2012.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council's Outdoor and Environmental Education Service provides a range of education support to schools and other groups working with young people including two residential outdoor education centres. From time to time Members have been invited to view the work of the Service.
3. This proposed visit is 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.

Other Options Considered

5. No other options were considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. It is useful that Members understand the unique nature of this provision, which links directly with pupils' curriculum and is highly valued by schools.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the

safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. The anticipated cost of the visit will be about £250. This will cover lunch and refreshments and will be dependent on the final numbers attending which will be known by the deadline of 17 September 2012. The service uses its own transport. Costs will be met from the Outdoor and Environmental Education Service budget.

Crime and Disorder Implications

9. Learning experiences at the centres contribute to pupils' personal and social education and the development of respect for themselves and others.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval be given for a visit by Members to the day and residential environmental education centres on 4 October 2012.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 06/07/12)

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

Financial Comments (NDR 06/07/12)

11. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 8 of the report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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