



meeting	<b>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>	
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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

### **BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES (BBC) – CELEBRATION EVENT**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek approval for hospitality to be provided at the BBC Celebration event on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

#### **Background**

2. Building Better Communities is a key five year initiative from the County Council to raise the quality and sustainability of the County's environment. Whilst the County Council will be the project's main driver, a large number of partner organisations ranging from government agencies to local environmental groups will be encouraged to participate in its development and delivery. The celebration event will be an opportunity for potential collaborators to find out more details about the initiative and indicate their willingness to support it and review the achievements over the past two years.

#### **Arrangements for the Celebration Event**

3. It is proposed to hold the celebration event from 10.00 to 13.30 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at Thoresby Hall Gallery, which is centrally placed in the County and has access to the conference facility for people with disability. Approximately 175 guests will be invited, including members of the County Council and representatives from GOEM, EMDA, EMRA, the Countryside Agency, English Heritage, District Councils, local strategic partnerships, local and parish councils, town centre management groups and community groups. A buffet lunch will be provided.

#### **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. Depending on the numbers accepting invitations, the estimated cost of providing hospitality, consisting of welcome refreshments and lunch, is in the region of £4,000. Other costs, estimated at £3,500, will cover room hire and equipment, including staging, exhibition materials, delegate packs, photographer, awards, the BBC report and application forms. The total cost of the event is anticipated to be £7,500. Sponsorship will be sought towards the provision of lunch and awards.
6. The costs associated with the celebration event of up to £7,500 will be contained within the overall BBC budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

7. 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 Environment

## **Director of Resources' Financial Comments**

The financial implications are as set out in the report. [KRP 22.3.06]

## **Legal Services' Comments**

The decision falls within the delegation to Administration Committee. [SHB 27.3.06]

## **Background Papers Available for Public Inspection**

None.

## **Electoral Division(s) Affected**

All.

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