



Meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Date **12 March 2008**

agenda item number

REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER, DECISION MAKING, GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY

AGIS RECEPTION

Purpose of the Report

1. To request that the Administration Committee approve the provision of a buffet reception at Nottinghamshire Police HQ, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold.

Background

2. AGIS is a framework programme to help police, the judiciary and professionals from the EU member states and candidate countries co-operate in criminal matters and in the fight against crime.
- 3.. The AGIS conference will be held at Nottingham City Council House on 7th and 8th April, 2008. The conference is the culmination of a 2 year project involving Assen (Netherlands), Poznan (Poland) and Stockholm (Sweden) and led by Nottinghamshire (Police Authority).
4. The AGIS Project, 'Tackling Drugs Reducing Crime' received substantial funding from the European Commission. A number of seminars have been held already, including one in Nottingham last March (2007), where a reception was held at County Hall for the delegates.

Local project partners are Nottinghamshire Police Authority, Nottinghamshire County Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership and GOEM. Councillor John Clarke, Chair of Nottinghamshire Police Authority, is the strategic lead for the Project.

5. The cost of a buffet reception for 140 guests comprising 100 external guests and 40 County Council and police representatives would be of the order of £1510.
- 6.1 The external delegates would represent the majority of countries in the EU. Included are the Mayors of Poznan and Assen together with other senior personnel within the drugs field of the EU and UK.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder, human rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

Recommendation

7. That Administration Committee approve the provision of a buffet reception on Monday 7th April, 2008 at Nottinghamshire Police Headquarters, for approximately 140 people, with the estimated cost of £1,510 being met from the County Hospitality Budget.

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SERVICE MANAGER, DECISION MAKING, GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY

Legal Services Comments (KK)

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

Strategic Director (Resources) Financial Comments (MB 12/10/07)

The financial implications are outlined in the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None

Electoral Divisions Affected

None