



URGENT ITEM

REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

CIPS 2012 AWARDS BEST PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROJECT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the attendance of Councillor Kevin Rostance at the Chartered Institute of Purchase and Supply (CIPS) Awards being held in London on Wednesday 12th September 2012.

Information and Advice

2. During the last two years Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has undergone a transformation of its entire business including its procurement activity. As of February 2011 a new centralised procurement team has had responsibility for all NCC external spend of circa £500m per annum. The most challenging procurement category in the public sector is Social Care (also the Council's largest spend area of circa £200m).
3. This project has helped both Councils and NHS across Nottinghamshire recognise the opportunities and benefits that can be achieved with the support of professional procurement, especially across the Social Care category. This new dynamic creates a solid foundation for joint commissioning opportunities with procurement input in future.
4. Nottinghamshire County Council has received a Finalist nomination for the Chartered Institute of Purchase and Supply, and it was thought appropriate that Councillor Rostance should attend the event.
5. The estimated cost of attending the CIPS Awards is

Accommodation	£110.10
Travel by Train	£ 47.00
Total	£157.10

Other Options Considered

- 6 No other options considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 7 Nottinghamshire County Council has been selected as a finalist for this year's CIPS Supply Management Awards in the Best public Procurement Project category. The category winners and the overall winners will be announced at the awards evening.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 8 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.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That approval be given for Councillor Kevin Rostance to attend the CIPS Awards ceremony in London on Wednesday 12th September 2012.

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Constitutional Comments

9. The committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this report. The Committee has the responsibility for approving all Councillor attendance at conferences including expenditure incurred (paragraph) 55(a) of the (Terms of Reference).

Financial Comments (MB 07/09/12)

10. The cost can be met from the budget for Members Allowances.

Background Papers

11. Finalist nomination for the Chartered Institute of Purchase and Supply Award.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All