



REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

DISCOVERY AWARDS ASSOCIATION - PRESENTATION OF DISCOVERY AWARDS THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2012

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider arrangements for the presentation of Discovery Awards at County Hall on Thursday 25th October 2012

Information and Advice

2. The Discovery Award is for people aged 50 and over, and is based on the successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people. It was devised by a small group of people in 1987. A need was recognised by the group for an achievement award for the over 50 age group to motivate and establish a feeling of well-being.
3. This was achieved by providing a challenge to the participants in four categories;
 - service in the community
 - physical activity
 - hobby or interest
 - journey of discovery

It was devised so that anyone can participate.

There are three levels of awards, Gold, Silver and Bronze, with four categories in each, with badges and certificates being presented on completion.

Many have already enjoyed the challenge of Awards and there is considerable potential for increasing the numbers of participants, with nearly 44% of Britain's adults being over 50.

The assessors who approve each level of the Award monitor the success of individuals, and the parent body monitors the overall success. The Award also operates in Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Malta, Australia and Canada.

4. Following the presentation ceremony it is intended to have refreshments in the form of tea, coffee, orange and biscuits for a maximum of 80 guests at an estimated cost of £180.00 (£2.25 per head) being met from the County Hospitality Budget.

Other Options Considered

5. The Committee could decide not to host the Discovery Award Ceremony.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. The ceremony celebrates the efforts and achievements of the participants who have achieved one of the three awards.

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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. That consideration be given for the County Council to host the Discovery Awards Ceremony on Thursday 25th October 2012 as described in the report.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 03/08/2012)

8. The Committee is the appropriate body to consider the matters set out in this Report. The Committee has responsibility for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council (Paragraph 55(d) of Part 4(A) of the Constitution).

Financial Comments (MB02/08/2012)

9. The Financial implications are set out in paragraph 4 of the report.

Background Papers

E-mail from Ms M Littlehales (Discovery Award) dated 14 March 2012.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.