

meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE		
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REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER (MEMBER SUPPORT)

VISIT OF OFFICIALS FROM PR CHINA

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For members to consider a request to host a visit of officials from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) and to provide light refreshments.

2. Background

- 2.1 AQSIQ is a government department responsible for national quality, metrology, entry-exit commodity inspection, entry-exit health quarantine, entry-exit animal and plant quarantine, import-export food safety, certification and accreditation, standardisation, as well as administrative law-enforcement.
- 2.2 The department has an important role to play in respect of China's opening up policy through: developing and implementing legislation; promoting quality standards in industry; approving and administering metrological standards; supervising inspection of imports and exports (including health surveillance); maintaining food safety; and implementing policies against counterfeiting.
- 2.3 A party of 25 senior directors and researchers will be in the UK from 11th – 30th March on a programme to understand the operation of local government. The programme includes a two-day training programme with the LGA and visits to several local authorities. They have asked if they visit Nottinghamshire County Council for a half-day on 23 March to cover:
- General introduction of Nottinghamshire County Council
 - Codes of conduct and management of staff performance
 - Building an incorruptible, clean & honest government

The party will include an interpreter.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed to host the visit as requested and to use the civic suite for the purpose. It is also proposed to provide team and coffee at an estimated cost of some £75 to be met from the Democratic Services budget.

4. RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that consideration be given to hosting the visit of officials from the government of China along the lines set out in the report.

David Ellis
Service Manager (Member Support)

Service Director (Finance) Comments

The financial implications are outlined in the report. (MB 15/02/11)

Legal Services Comments (SLB 16/02/2011)

The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in the report.

The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes delegation to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

e-mail from UK China Training Ltd sent on 9th February 2011

Electoral Divisions Affected

All