

**REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT
SERVICES****CIVIC RECEPTION FOR OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC PARTICIPANTS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to host a civic reception on 9 October 2012 for Nottinghamshire residents who were engaged in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games as participants, coaches and officials.

Information and Advice

2. The images witnessed at both the Olympic and Paralympic games have been truly inspirational and Nottinghamshire has been well represented by athletes, coaches and games officials.
3. Nottinghamshire has a well established track record for producing athletes capable of competing on the world stage. 25 people from the County have represented Great Britain at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games with medals won in Swimming, Gymnastics Athletics, Canoe Slalom and Equestrian events.
4. The County has also been well represented in coaching and officiating at the games, including two County Council employees who have been officiating at the Paralympics.
5. To celebrate the efforts of those taking part in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games, it is proposed that a civic reception is held on 9 October 2012. Around 150 guests will be invited to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, the venue for the event, to celebrate the achievements.

Other Options Considered

6. A number of other venues were considered to host the event, including County Hall. It is felt however that the iconic status of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and the offer of sharing the costs for the event were defining factors.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The County Council is a significant investor in sport in Nottinghamshire and has supporting Olympians and Paralympians with grant aid from the "Shining Stars" scheme. It is appropriate that the Council takes the opportunity to congratulate Nottinghamshire residents on their outstanding achievements at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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.

Financial Implications

9. The estimated cost of the event is £3,000 and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club has kindly offered to share this cost with the Council. Included in the costs are venue hire, audio visual support and catering. The cost to the Council therefore is £1,500.
10. The funding for the event is included in the Cultural and Enrichment services budget for 2012/13.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the County Council hosts a civic reception on 9 October 2012 for Nottinghamshire residents who were engaged in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games as participants, coaches and officials.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 17/09/12)

11. The Committee has responsibility for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council except where the cost is to be covered by the Chairman of the County Council's individual budget (paragraph 55(d) of the Terms of Reference). The Committee is the appropriate body to decide on the issues set out in this report.

Financial Comments (NDR 10/09/12)

12. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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