

# report



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REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

## **Launch of the Nottinghamshire Partnership Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy**

### **Purpose of report**

1. This report makes a request for the provision of hospitality for an event to officially launch the Nottinghamshire Partnership BME Strategy.

### **Information and advice**

#### **Background**

2. As part of the Change for Children and Young People agenda, and prior to the emergence of the new Children and Young People's Department, a steering group of key partners was formed to develop an overarching strategy around black and minority ethnic children and young people intended to set consistent standards, boundaries and expectations for all services.
3. The strategy was received and accepted by Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in May of this year.
4. It is proposed that the launch event, with hospitality, is hosted on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership by Nottinghamshire County Council in the Assembly Room at County Hall on 10 December 2007 from 10.30am to 12noon. The date has been chosen because it is International Human Rights Day and the key note address will be given by Usha Sood, a prominent lawyer and expert in the field.

### **Statutory and policy implications**

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder

and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report. Attention is however drawn to the following:-

### **Financial implications**

6. The cost of the event is estimated at £2,000 and this will be met from the Children and Young People's Department's Learning and Achievement Division's 2007/08 budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

7. That approval be given for the provision of hospitality for the official launch of the Nottinghamshire Partnership BME Strategy to be held on 10 December 2007.

### **DR ROBERT GARNETT**

Strategic Director for Children and Young People

### **Reasons for recommendation**

8. To properly launch at the highest level a very important strategy that will directly affect outcomes for children and young people.

### **Other options considered**

9. Not holding the event with hospitality would be detrimental to establishing the BME Strategy in hearts and minds.

### **Legal Services' comments (KK/27.9.2007)**

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

### **Strategic Director of Resources financial comments (NDR)**

11. The financial implications are set out in the report.

### **Background papers available for inspection**

None

### **Electoral division(s) affected**

Nottinghamshire

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