



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOTTINGHAM & DISTRICT RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL

1. Purpose of the Report

1. This is a request for the provision of a reception 2004 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Racial Equality Council in Nottinghamshire.

2. Information and Advice

2.1 2004 was the anniversary of the REC which has existed in Nottinghamshire under a number of names since 1954. During those years the organisation has worked purposefully to tackle racial discrimination, promote equal opportunities and promote good relations between people of different racial groups in the City and the County.

2.2 The REC itself says that none of the work would have been possible without the steadfast support and partnership of the County Council. That support enabled us to build a wider partnership right across the County, to the extent that many organisations now own the equality agenda.

2.3 The Leader of the Council suggests that it would be appropriate to mark the anniversary by the provision of a County reception. The reception would provide an opportunity to bring together representatives of racial and cultural communities in an event which would be regarded as a Community Cohesion experience. In these circumstances, it is suggested that appropriate display material could be used within the Assembly Hall during the reception.

2.4 Following discussion with the Vice-Chair and Conservative Group spokesperson, it is suggested that the REC should be offered 100 single invitations and asked to nominate representatives of its Executive and groups within the County to attend.

2.5 The invitation list for the reception would be:-

100	external guests
3	Group leaders
2	Chairman/Escort (hosts)
2	Members of Administration Committee (on a rota basis)
2	Relevant Select Committee Chair/Vice-Chair
14	Members from the rota.

Total list = 123

2.6 The estimated cost of the reception is

Description	Amount
Food/drinks/bar	£1,550.00
Photographs	£ 250.00

This amount would be met from the County Hospitality budget.

3. Statutory & Policy Implications

The provision of County hospitality is a matter for determination by this Committee. The event described in the report is a celebration of both the work of the REC and the multi-cultural population of Nottinghamshire. It recognises the diversity of Nottinghamshire's people and steps will be taken to ensure representation by as many individual communities as possible.

4. Recommendation

That consideration be given to the provision of hospitality as described in the report.

Patricia Holt-Murphy
Head of Members Services

Legal Services' Comments (KK)

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

Director of Resources Financial Comments (R/MB)

The financial implications are included in paragraph 2.6 of the report.

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

Letter from the Director of Nottingham and District Racial Equality Council dated 4 April 2004.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All