

report



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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY – 27TH JANUARY

1. Purpose of the Report

To outline the Government's proposal for a Holocaust Remembrance Day and seek the Committee's approval for hospitality in the form of afternoon tea following a performance of music, poetry and prose by Nottinghamshire Education County Performers in the Civic Suite on 27 January 2005.

Background

- 2.1 The purpose of a Holocaust Remembrance Day is to ensure that the horrendous crimes against humanity committed during the Holocaust are never forgotten, and its relevance to each new generation is understood. Such a day provides a national focus for education, and promotes a democratic and tolerant society, free of the evils of prejudice and racism. The principle of a Holocaust Remembrance Day is widely supported internationally, including almost every European country.
- 2.2 As part of its consideration of the proposal to establish a Holocaust Remembrance Day in the UK, the Government conducted a wide consultation exercise as set out in the attached document. Discussions were held with organisations with a special interest or expertise in the subject of Holocaust education and remembrance and various key issues emerged, particularly in relation to:
- The aims and objectives of a Holocaust Remembrance Day.
 - The recommended date of 27 January
 - The types of activities which could be associated with a Holocaust Remembrance Day, i.e. ceremonial, educational, cultural and community events.

- 2.3 The government announced its decision on the proposal in January 2000 and outlined that the first Holocaust Remembrance Day be commemorated on 27th January 2001.
- 2.4 In previous years, students have performed to audiences in the Assembly Hall, because of the size of the venue and the small number of people who have attended, the impact of day has been lost. A smaller, more intimate area will lend itself to a more successful and satisfying event for the students involved.
- 2.5 The cost of the afternoon tea, if approved, is estimated at £325. This is made up from an invited audience of approximately 50 guests at £6.50 per head, which would be met from the County Hospitality Budget.

Financial Implications

The financial implications are set out in the main body of the report. When making a decision on this request, the Committee should have regard to the outstanding balance available in the budget.

Recommendation

That approval is given to hospitality in the form of Afternoon Tea following a performance of music, poetry and prose presented by Nottinghamshire Education County Performers to recognise the National Holocaust Memorial Day.

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Legal Services' Comments (KK)

The Administration Committee is responsible for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee.

Director of Resources Financial Comments (MB)

The cost of the hospitality can be met from the 2004/05 budget for County Hospitality.

Background Papers

NIL