

meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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#### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SERVICES

# <u>Family First – 40 Years of Service Delivery across the City and County of Nottinghamshire</u>

## 1. Purpose of the Report

To request that the Administration Committee consider a reception to acknowledge the 40 years of service delivery across the City and County of Nottinghamshire by Family First.

#### Background

- 2. Family First was established in 1965 and is a recognised charity and charitable registered social landlord with the specific aim of providing medium to long-term housing care and support for young single mothers. As well as providing this group of vulnerable young people with housing, Family First also recognised that other support services were needed to assist and support these young people to become integrated and valuable members of society. The organisation established furniture and clothing recycling services and developed a 35 place Nursery/Family Centre designed to provide high quality childcare and parenting support for their own client group and the wider community. Today the range of services provided by Family First includes
  - General needs social housing across the City and County of Nottinghamshire
  - Supported housing for single young mothers and for single young homeless people
  - Tenancy support
  - Childcare and family support

- Mental Health support including a specialised service for black and asian young people
- Furniture and white goods recycling
- Kidstuff recycling
- Training, work experience and volunteering opportunities
- Charity shops
- 2.1 The Leader of the County Council has received a request for a reception for approximately 200 guests from the organisation to launch their "Year of Celebration" in January or February 2005.

### **Recommendation**

3. That the Committee consider granting a buffet reception in January or February 2005 from the County Hospitality Budget to celebrate 40 years of service delivery across the City and County of Nottinghamshire for approximately 200 guests at an estimated total cost of £3,250 made up as follows:

Hot & cold finger buffet including tea & coffee £12.50 per head Drinks per person £2.50 per head Photographs of the event £250

Patricia Mayfield Head of Members Services Committee

## **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 (R/MB)**

The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

#### **Background Papers**

Letter requesting a Civic Reception from Chief Executive of Family First.