

Meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Date 13 July 2011

agenda item number **7 (b)**

REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, MEMBERS AND CIVIC SERVICES

DISCOVERY AWARD ASSOCIATION – PRESENTATION OF DISCOVERY AWARDS – WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2011.

Purpose of the Report

1. This is a request for the provision of hospitality to be provided at the Presentation of Discovery Awards in the Assembly Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th October 2011.

Information and Advice

2. The Discovery Award for people aged 50 and over is based on an extremely successful Duke of Edinburgh's Awards for young people and was devised by a small group of people in 1987. A need was recognised by that group for an achievement award for the over 50 age group to motivate and establish a feeling of well-being.

This was achieved by providing a challenge to the participants in four categories; Service in the Community, Physical Activity, Hobby or Interest and a Journey of Discovery and is devised so that anyone can participate.

There are three levels of award – Bronze, Silver and Gold - with four categories in each which are with badges and certificates being presented on completion.

Not only does the Discoverer benefit enormously from the Award, their local community also reap the rewards. For instance, they can help schoolchildren with reading skills, work in charity shops, assist voluntary youth organisations, work with victim support, the British Red Cross Society, the Samaritans, etc.

Those who accept the Discovery challenge can expect:

- to sample new activities
- to develop their existing skills
- to meet new friends
- to enhance their confidence and self-awareness
- to enjoy the satisfaction of helping other people
- to keep their minds alert and their bodies active

Many have already enjoyed the challenge of Awards and there is considerable potential for increasing the numbers of participants with nearly 44% of Britain's adults being over 50.

The assessors who approve each level of the Award monitor the success of individuals and the parent body monitors the overall success. The Award also operates in Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Malta, Australia and Canada.

Nottinghamshire County Council's Chairman has received a request to host this event. There would be approximately 60 people at the presentation ceremony for which tea/coffee and biscuits would be provided at a cost of £1.75 per head (£105.00)

Financial Implications

3. The cost of providing hospitality in the form of tea/coffee & biscuits at £1.75 per head for 60 guests would be £105.00

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder, human rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

Recommendation

5. That the Administration Committee approve the Discovery Awards Presentation being held in the Assembly Hall, County Hall on 26 October 2011 and for hospitality to be provided in the form of tea/coffee & biscuits for 60 guests. The estimated cost of £105.00 to be met from the County Hospitality Budget.

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Legal Services' Comments (SLB 08/06/2011)

The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in the report.

The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes delegation to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Comments of the Service Director (Finance)

The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 3 of the report.
(MB 13/06/11)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

E-mail from Keith Vinerd (Discovery Award) dated 3rd May, 2011

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All