



meeting	<b>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>	
date	<b>19 JANUARY 2005</b>	item no

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (DFT) – LEGACY SMARTCARD GROUP**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To request the provision of hospitality in the form of an evening dinner for 10 delegates attending the Legacy Group meeting in Nottinghamshire on 27 January 2005.

**Background**

2. The County Council is working in partnership with the DFT, Cheshire County Council and Southampton City Council in the development of Smartcard Systems in transportation. In April 2004 the Council were awarded a £710K grant from the DFT towards a £1.8m project which will significantly improve our system and make it interoperable throughout the UK. The DFT funding and project were approved by Cabinet on 26 May 2004.
3. A condition of the funding is that we participate in the working of the Legacy Smartcard Group and share our knowledge and experiences with DFT and the two other schemes receiving grant funding, Cheshire and Southampton. The next Legacy Group meeting will be held in Nottinghamshire on 27 January with delegates arriving on 26 January. The visit will include trips on the new tram system and a site visit to see our scheme in operation.
4. This is an excellent opportunity to show the Legacy Group delegates how successful the Council has been in delivering its Freedom Card project which contributes to improving access to services in the County.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

5. This report has been compiled after consideration in respect of Finance, Equal Opportunities, Personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material they have been brought out in the text of the report. Members' attention is however drawn to the following:

### **Financial Implications**

6. The cost of the evening dinner for the Legacy Group delegates and officers is estimated as £300, to be funded from the Public Transport Revenue Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

7. That approval be given to the provision of hospitality for the Legacy Group delegates, in the form of an evening dinner.

PETER WEBSTER  
Director of Environment

### **Legal Services' Comments**

Administration Committee has delegated authority to agree this recommendation. [SHB 20.12.04]

### **Director of Resources' Financial Comments**

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 6 of the report. The costs will be met from the Group Manager's Revenue Budget for 2004/05. [DJK 20.12.04]

### **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None.

### **Electoral Division(s) Affected**

All.

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