

REPORT OF THE LEADER

JOINT COUNTY AND CITY COUNCIL CIVIC EVENT TO PRESENT USHAKOV MEDALS TO BRITISH VETERANS OF ARCTIC CONVOYS

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the provision of hospitality at a joint Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council civic event to be arranged in the Council House.

Information and Advice

2. Nottingham City Council has been approached by the Russian Embassy with a request to host an event to present Ushakov Medals to British veterans of the Arctic Convoys in World War 2.
3. The Medal of Ushakov is primarily awarded to soldiers and sailors of the Navy and of the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation for bravery and courage.
4. A Decree of the President of Russia of 10 March 2014 awarded the Medal to a number of British veterans for their personal courage and bravery displayed during the service in the Arctic Convoys in World War 2. The majority of the veterans included in the list sent to the City Council are County residents and therefore the City Council has approached the County Council with the suggestion to arrange a joint civic event.
5. A number of similar events have been held around the United Kingdom in conjunction with the assistance of local authorities, including in Birmingham, Hastings, Southampton, Portsmouth, Scotland and Wales.
6. It is proposed that an afternoon tea be arranged in late October / early November, with light refreshments (in the form of tea, coffee and cakes) provided for the local veterans and their guests.

Other Options Considered

7. Different options for the event were available but it is felt that an afternoon tea would be the most appropriate option.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. To authorise approval for expenditure from the County Hospitality budget.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to the County Council towards the cost of the refreshments is £200.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That approval be given for the estimated costs of £200, for a joint County and City Council civic event to honour the local recipients of Ushakov Medals, to be met from the County Hospitality budget.

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Leader of the County Council

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Constitutional Comments (24/09/2015)

10. The Committee has responsibility for authorising hospitality offered by the County Council. The proposals in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 24/09/2015)

11. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All