



meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

TRAINING – CHAIRS OF EDUCATION APPEAL PANELS

Purpose of Report

- (1) To seek approval for 2 Chairs of Education Appeal Panels to travel to London for training about chairing appeals.

Background

- (2) The Authority is represented in the Education Appeals Support Initiative (EASI) which is a forum for people clerking and arranging appeals. It covers authorities from London up to Nottinghamshire.

A group from EASI together with staff from the Judicial Studies Board have prepared a programme for training of Panel Chairs. This is going to be piloted on 12th October in London and 2 Panel Chairs from each authority are invited to attend. The event is being held at the Judicial Studies Board who are also providing lunch. The costs involved would therefore be for return train tickets to London which would be approximately £115 each. The costs would be met from the Education budget. The Code of Practice produced by the Department for Education and Skills emphasises the importance of training for appeal panel members and chairs. It is intended that if the pilot course is successful arrangements will be made for the course to be held in Nottinghamshire so that all the other chairs can receive the training.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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 services. No specific issues arise out of the proposals in this report.

Recommendation

That approval be given for 2 Chairs of Education Appeals Panels to attend the pilot training course for Panel Chairs in London.

P A Holt-Murphy
Head of Members' Services

Director of Resources' Financial Comments (KH)

The financial implications set out in the report will be contained within the Education Departmental budget for 2006/07.

Legal Services Comments (KK)

The Administration Committee has delegated authority to make approvals that are required in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy. The proposal in this report, insofar as it is in accordance with the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy, is within the remit of this Committee.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

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