

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES**

### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS) EVENT**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for hospitality to be provided at the Local Improvement Scheme event on Thursday 7 March 2013.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The Local Improvement Scheme is a key County Council initiative to raise the quality and sustainability of the County's environment. Whilst the County Council is the project's main driver, a large number of partner organisations ranging from government agencies to local community and environmental groups participate in its development and delivery. This event will be an opportunity for potential collaborators to find out more about the initiative and for new investors and partners to indicate their continued willingness to support LIS and generate new ideas for innovative improvement schemes.
3. It is proposed to hold the event from 10.00 to 15.00 on Thursday 7 March 2013 at the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark. The centre is fully accessible for people with impaired movement and has a purpose built conference facility. Approximately 300 guests will be invited, including County Council Members and representatives from parish councils, local strategic partnerships, town centre management groups and community groups. A buffet lunch will be provided. The estimated cost of providing hospitality, which includes room hire and refreshments are £32.00 per delegate.

#### **Other Options Considered**

4. Options considered include not having an event, however this would mean missing out on the opportunity to publicise the work of the County Council and for potential investors to hear about the scheme. Alternative venues have been investigated including County Hall and the Water Sports Centre which are unable to accommodate the numbers of delegates expected to attend, based on previous year's figures in one room.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of

children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

6. It is RECOMMENDED that approval be given for the Local Improvement Scheme event to be held on the 7 March 2013 at the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark. The approximate cost per head which will be found from the 2012/13 LIS annual budget will be £32.00 per delegate which covers the cost of the venue and the provision of refreshments. The maximum number of delegates will not exceed 300.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SG 06/12/2012)**

7. The Committee is the appropriate body to consider the issues set out in this report. Under the Committee's Terms of Reference it has responsibility for authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council (paragraph 55(d)).

### **Financial Comments (IC – 20/12/12)**

8. The cost can be met from the 2012/13 LIS budget.

### **Background Papers**

None

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

All