



meeting **Administration Committee**

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REGENERATION

HOSPITALITY FOR DRUG SCRUTINY SEMINARS

Purpose of Report

1. To approve the expenditure on a buffet lunch at a series of 4 scrutiny seminars on drugs being organised by the County Council

Information and Advice

2. Approval is sought within the terms of the Council's Conference and Travel Policy for expenditure on buffet lunches to be provided at four seminars due to happen between now and the end of March 2005.
3. The seminars, to be chaired by Cllr Bosnjak, will offer an opportunity to see how the County Council and its partners within the County are impacting on the use of drugs, drug related crime and improving access to treatment.
4. Invitations to these 4 seminars have been extended to County Council Members, district and borough councils, PCT, Probation, Police and other key agencies and authorities involved in the fight against drugs and their impact on Nottinghamshire people and communities.
5. Addressing drug issues within the County is a clear objective within the County Council's strategic plan. Scrutinising the work done within this area of activity will identify opportunities for more effective joint working and areas for improvement or development.
6. Invitations have been extended to upwards of 100 people but at this stage exact numbers of attendees are not known.

7. The costs associated with the above event are as follows:-

Description	Amount	To be met from
Drug Seminars	£3000 to include hospitality of £1600	Community Safety budget within the Deputy Leader Portfolio

Statutory and Policy Implications

4. Separate guidance has been given on the sorts of issues to be included here.

Recommendation

5. That approval is given for total expenditure of £3000 on 4 Drug Issues Seminars to include a hospitality element of about £1600.

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Director of Resources' Financial Comments(C.C)(P.B)

As indicated in the report the cost of hospitality of £1,600 can be funded from the 2004/2005 Community Safety Budget.

Legal Services' Comments

By virtue of paragraph 11.5 of the Scheme of Delegation the authorising of hospitality to be offered by the County Council falls within the delegated authority of the Administration Committee (JA 25.08.04)

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

NCC Strategic Plan 2001 - 2005

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All