



Meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR CULTURAL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE AT 2009 "ENGLAND FOR EXCELLENCE" AWARD DINNER, LEICESTER ATHENA CENTRE, OCTOBER 8TH

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To consider the request from the Head of Country Parks & Conservation for a relevant Councillor and Officer to attend the formal dinner at which the winners of the above regional quality awards for tourism will be announced.

Information and Advice

- 2 Rufford Abbey Country Park (Country Parks Service) is a regional finalist in the 2009 regional tourism awards and the results will be announced on the night. The awards are run by East Midlands Tourism and as finalists, we have been given two free tickets.
- 3 Rufford Abbey Country Park currently holds two national quality awards and the application for the England for Excellence awards 2009 is part of the Country Park's drive to raise standards and to celebrate excellence in the Park's facilities and customer care.

Financial implications – Travel and accommodation requirements

- 4 The Councillor and Officer attending the awards dinner are:

Patrick Candler - Service Director for Culture Services
Cllr Keith Girling - Deputy Cabinet Member for Culture & Community

As we have been allocated two free tickets, the only costs will be travel expenses incurred by the Member and Officer attending the event.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 5 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 6 That approval be given to the attendance of the designated Officer and Member at the awards evening.

PATRICK CANDLER

Service Director Cultural Services
Communities

Comments of the Service Director (Finance)

Travel costs for the Member will be met from the budget for Members' Travel Expenses. All other costs will be met from the Cultural Services' budget.
(MB 18/08/09)

Legal Services Comments

The Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve the recommendations in the report.
(LMcC 18/8/09)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Information on the England for Excellence Awards 2008 is available on the website www.enjoyengland.com

Electoral Divisions Affected

Rufford