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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### **Bassetlaw PFI Scheme – reception for schools**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. This is a request for the provision of hospitality. This will be in the form of a reception for up to 95 guests including school staff and governors who have been involved in the Bassetlaw PFI contract.

#### **Information and advice**

##### **Background**

2. The Bassetlaw PFI scheme provides for the rebuilding of 5 secondary schools and the St Giles Special School, together with the provision of two new post-16 centres and two new community leisure centres in the Bassetlaw area at a sum of £131 million.
3. The scheme has been led by a team of officers in the Education Department with support from officers in the Policy and Resources and Environment departments as well as from headteachers and governors from the secondary and special schools involved. Colleagues from Bassetlaw District Council and North Nottinghamshire College have also been heavily involved in the planning of the project in relation to the community leisure and post-16 centre facilities.
4. As a way of recognising the large amount of work involved in securing the PFI contract and the dedication and commitment shown by both council and school based staff it is recommended that a small reception be held on 31 March 2006 at the National Power Fluid centre in Worksop. A similar event to recognise the work on the East Leake PFI scheme was agreed by the Administration Committee in December 2002.
5. The invitation list for the reception would include 20 staff from the schools involved and 48 staff principally from the Education and Environment Departments.

6. It is envisaged that the total number of invitations would be approximately 95 to include local Bassetlaw members and members from the rota. The estimated cost of the reception to include a light buffet and room booking is estimated at £965 and can be met from the Education Department's budget.

### **Statutory and policy implications**

7. The provision of hospitality is within the purview of the Administration Committee, which has the authority to determine the nature and level of hospitality to be provided.
8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report. Attention is however drawn to the following:-

### **Financial implications**

9. The cost of the reception will be £965 and will be met from the Education Department's hospitality budget which, for 2005/06 amounts to £4,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

10. That to recognise the work involved in finalising the PFI contract a small reception is held at the National Fluid Power centre, Worksop, on 31 March 2006 for all staff who have worked on the contract.

### **PAM TULLEY**

Director of Education

### **Legal Services' comments (LM/16.12.05)**

11. The Administration Committee has the authority to make this decision under the Scheme of Delegation.

### **Director of Resources' financial comments (NDR)**

12. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 9 of the report

### **Background papers available for inspection**

Nil.

### **Electoral division(s) affected**

Bassetlaw

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