

meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE		
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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Civic Reception for Volunteers

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a civic reception for approximately 300 people who volunteer to help run services for children, young people and their families around the county.

Information and advice

Background

2. A number of services within the Children Families and Cultural Services Department are supported by a range of volunteers who help to run and manage them, including the Youth Service, Youth Offending Service, Libraries, Country Parks, Children's Centres, and School Governors. These people have for many years been fulfilling a role that is consistent with the Government's emerging Big Society agenda.
3. It is intended to invite up to 300 of these people together and offer them hospitality by way of thanking them for their contribution to the services that benefit from their work. Whilst the overall aim of the event would be to acknowledge the contribution of everyone, it could also include specific awards to the longest serving volunteer, or the youngest / oldest volunteer.
4. The format of the reception would be a welcome by a representative of the County Council, brief speeches by the Chairman of the County Council and the Cabinet Members for Children and Young People's Services, and Culture and Community, followed by the presentation of awards. This reception will be held on a date to be confirmed during the autumn at County Hall.
5. The Nottingham Evening Post is keen to work with us to publicise the event and ensure it receives the widest possible coverage in the local media.

Statutory and policy implications

6. 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

7. It is estimated that the cost of this reception, to include hot and cold drinks and a buffet suitable for guests who have travelled a significant distance for the evening, would be approximately £3,500. The costs for this event will be contained within the Children, Families and Cultural Services Department's budget for 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION

8. It is recommended that the County Council hosts a civic reception for volunteers, on a date to be confirmed during the autumn, at County Hall.

ANTHONY MAY

Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services

Legal Services' comments (SB/04.05.11)

9. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in the report. The Delegation to Administration Committee contained in Part III of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, includes delegation to authorise hospitality to be offered by the County Council.

Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)

10. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background papers available for inspection

Nil.

Electoral division(s) affected

Nottinghamshire

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