

National Transport Awards 02 June 2009

Report of Corporate Director (Community Services)

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To advise Cabinet that a joint County Council/District Council submission promoting cycling on Morecambe Promenade has been shortlisted for a National Transport Award and for Cabinet to consider if they wish to send representatives to the award ceremony.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Included in Forward Plan		n/a	
This report is public			

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- (1) Cabinet is asked to consider if they wish to be represented at the awards dinner in London on 22 July 2009, and if so who the representatives should be.

1.0 Information

1.1 The Awards

The National transport Awards are supported by the Department for Transport, the Local Transport Planning Network and in association with Transport Times. Now in its 9th successful year, the National Transport Awards remain all about recognising excellence across the transport industry in the UK and Ireland, rewarding innovation and progress for transport initiatives which are really working.

The focus is upon delivering real improvements on the ground rather than simply policy. The Judging Panel is looking for clear evidence that the approaches adopted are reaping results and the beneficial effect that this is having on transport users.

The Awards aim to showcase new initiatives, rewarding public and private bodies which have made a real difference.

The 2009 Award ceremony is to be held on Wednesday 22 July at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London

1.2 The bid

The Awards are open to all local authorities and organisations involved in transport including the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Invitations to bid were received by Lancashire County Council in January 2009 with a submission deadline of 13 February. A joint bid was submitted by the County Council and Lancaster City Council for the Promenade Cycle Route under the category of 'Cycling Improvements'

The bid has now been shortlisted along with two other projects and stands a reasonable chance of taking the top award, all shortlisted projects are rewarded with commendations.

Should the bid win the award it will provide the Cycling Demonstration Town project and indeed the two authorities with some excellent publicity and potentially help in attracted funding to the area and in particular any future extension of the Cycling England/Department for Transport funded CDT project.

1.3 Attendance at Awards Dinner

Lancaster City Council could be represented by a combination of Senior Officers and/or Elected Members at the dinner - it is anticipated that Lancashire County Council will be represented but it is currently unclear as to who will be attending.

Attendance at the awards dinner - £189.75 + vat per head
(Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London)

Travel and overnight accommodation - approx £300 per head

Estimated total cost per head of £500

2.0 Options

2.1 Do not send representatives to the National Transport Awards dinner

2.2 The City Council to be represented at the National Transport Awards dinner by two Members and one officer.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

Promotion of the CDT project which is a key action in the Corporate Plan

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

No direct impacts identified

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial costs are approximately £500 per attendee. Currently no budget has been identified to support this expenditure therefore savings would need to be made within existing service budgets to enable these costs to be covered. Until sufficient budgets have been identified and the number of delegates confirmed no commitments should be entered into.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Section 151 Officer has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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