

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE TWINNING ASSOCIATION AND
WINTERTON AND SAFFRE TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider two applications for financial assistance towards the cost of exchanges between the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association and Clamart, France and between the Winterton Town and Saffre Town Twinning Association and Saffre, France.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 18 June 1997, the council's former Policy Committee agreed that the council's approach in respect of twinning/linking should be to adopt an "arms length" relationship (minute 946 referred). That committee also agreed that the former Tourism and Linking Sub Committee should consider applications for informal linking activities deemed beneficial across North Lincolnshire. The maximum grant available was set at £200 and on 21 July 1997 that Sub Committee had also approved criteria in respect of grant applications for linking activities which demonstrated and encouraged mutual, cultural and social awareness (minute 978 refers).
- 2.2 An application has now been received from the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association for assistance towards the costs of a visit from representatives of Clamart to North Lincolnshire held in June 2013, and towards improving the association's website and publicity information on North Lincolnshire.

A further application has been received from the Winterton Town and Saffre Town Twinning Association for assistance towards the costs of a visit to Saffre to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formal twinning arrangement. This will consist of approximately 30 Winterton representatives including the Mayor of Winterton, adults and young people aged between 5 and 15. The exchange will take place from 22 to 28 August 2013.

2.3 These are both long standing twinning arrangements involving local communities which the council has continued to support over the years. Both applications meet the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to above.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 To grant, or not grant the applications

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

4.1 There are no staffing, property or IT implications associated with the report, and in relation to the financial implications limited finances are available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

5. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

5.1 Not applicable

6. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

6.1 Exchange visits on occasions can involve the Mayor of North Lincolnshire. The Mayor was invited to an event celebrating the Clamart exchange at Normanby Hall as part of his civic role.

6.2 There are no conflicts of interest

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association in the financial year 2013/2014.

7.2 That a grant of £200 be made to the Winterton and Saffre Town Twinning Association in the financial year 2013/2014

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – Application received from both Twinning Associations