

## **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the provision of a permanent memorial to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 18 June 1997, the former Policy Committee agreed that the council's approach in respect of twinning/linking should be to adopt an "arms length" relationship (minute 946 refers). 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 had now been received from the Chairman of the Scunthorpe Branch of the Royal Lincolnshire seeking assistance towards the cost of a permanent memorial for the men who served in that famous county regiment. The memorial is to be unveiled at Sobroan Park adjacent to the Regiment's local barracks in Lincoln. Plans had been drawn up and approved and fundraising started towards the provision of the memorial. Although this is not funding towards a twinning and linking activity it does meet the criteria set out above in that it does demonstrate and encourage mutual, cultural and social awareness and the applicants are a non profit making group. On that basis it is proposed that the application be supported.

#### **3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 3.1 There are no staffing, property or IT implications associated with the report and in relation to the financial implications finance is available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

4. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

4.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Royal Lincolnshire Memorial Fund.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report** - Letter received from the Chairman of the Royal Lincolns.