

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - BARTON AND DISTRICT
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application from the Barton and District Twinning Association for financial assistance towards the cost of this year's exchange.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 18 June 1997, the former Policy Committee agreed that the council's policy in respect of twinning/linking activities should be to adopt an "arms length" relationship (minute 946 refers). That committee had also agreed that the former Tourism and Linking Sub-Committee should consider applications for informal linking activities "deemed beneficial to communities 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).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 An application has now been received from the Barton District Twinning Association for financial assistance towards the cost of this year's exchange with Feyzin Franc. This year a delegation from Feyzin of approximately 25 people ranging from ages 14 to 80 will be visiting the area and a programme of cultural events has been planned including a farewell dinner with Anglo French entertainment. In addition, visits to the Humber Bridge, Waters Edge Country Park are included in the programme.

3.2 The Barton and District Twinning Association has maintained links with Feyzin France for over 20 years and the society meets regularly to plan further links and projects. A grant of £200 has been requested to meet the costs associated with this year's visit and the application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 above.

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 finance is available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

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

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Barton and District Twinning Association in the financial year 2008/2009.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Application received from the Barton and District Twinning Association.