

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - WINTERTON/SAFFRE
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the costs of hosting this year's exchange with Saffre.

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 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, culture and social awareness (minute 978 refers).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 An application has now been received from the Winterton/Saffre Twinning Association for financial assistance towards the costs of hosting this year's exchange. There is an established twinning link between Winterton and Saffre which has been taking place for some 15 years. This July a party of visitors from Saffre will be visiting the area and a programme of events and activities has been arranged. Saffre are already forming a programme to welcome visitors from North Lincolnshire in July 2009. The group is seeking assistance towards the costs involved. A grant of £200 has been requested. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to 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 Winterton/Saffre 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 Winterton/Saffre Twinning Association