

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – KIRMINGTON TWINNING
GROUP**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of an exchange between the Kirmington Twinning Group and the District of Terbregge, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

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 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 application 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 Kirmington Twinning Group for assistance towards the cost of a visit to Terbregge, the Netherlands.
- 2.3 This is a new twinning arrangement. The communities of Kirmington and Terbregge wish to develop a twinning agreement to commemorate the courageous crews of 1 group, Royal Air Force Bomber Command who selflessly delivered food by air to the starving population of Holland at the end of World War Two. Lancaster Bomber crews from 166 Squadron, RAF Kirmington (now Humberside Airport) are known to have dropped food at Terbregge and these communities wish to unite 70 years after this event.
- 2.4 The purpose of the twinning agreement is to form a lasting bond of friendship and understanding between the people of two nations bound

together by historical events. All members of the communities will be encouraged to participate in twinning events but particular focus will be aimed at young people who will be given the opportunity to visit another country, meet other young people and learn about the wider world. To this end, the schools of Kirmington and Terbregge will undertake to collaborate in the education of children and the Twinning Committee will organise at least one visit each year. The twinning agreement will commence on 2 May 2015.

- 2.4 An application has now been received from the Kirmington Twinning Group for assistance towards the costs of the first visit to Terbregge this year.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To grant, or not grant the application.

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 Discussions have taken place between the communities of Kirmington and Terbregge and a formal twinning agreement will be signed to commence on 2 May 2015.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Kirmington Twinning Group towards the costs involved as detailed above.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: Application received from the Kirmington Twinning Group