

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of an exchange between North Lincolnshire Twinning Association and Clamart, 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 being 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 to Clamart, France in June 2016. In June 2015, a number of visitors came to the area from Clamart. A visit to Clamart is being planned for June 2016 and is being arranged to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the twinning between Clamart and Scunthorpe. The number of people attending is yet to be determined but will include the Mayor and partner. Various activities will take place as part of the celebrations and financial assistance is requested towards the costs involved.
- 2.3 There is a long standing twinning arrangement involving North Lincolnshire and Clamart and the application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to above.

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 Exchange visits on occasions can involve the Mayor of North Lincolnshire. 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 2016/2017.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND RESOURCES

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: Application received from the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association