

**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 exchanges between the 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 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 has now been received from the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association for assistance towards the costs of a visit from up to 25 people from Clamart in June 2015.
- 2.3 This is a regular exchange which has been increasing over recent years and in addition attempts are being made to facilitate an exchange with Luneburg in Germany. 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 INTEREST DECLARED**

6.1 Consultations have taken place between the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association and their counterparts in Clamart.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association in the financial year 2014/2015.

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