

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
GLANFORD/GIFHORN TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of this year's exchange between the Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association.

**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 proved 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 Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association for assistance towards the costs of this year's visit to Gifhorn, Germany. This is a long standing twinning arrangement and one of the purposes of the visit is to promote future twinning activity. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to above.

**3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 3.1 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.

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

4.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association in the financial year 2009/2010.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report** - Application received from the Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association