

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - BARTON AND DISTRICT TOWN  
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

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

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the year's exchange between Barton and Feyzin, France.

**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 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 Barton and District Town Twinning Association for assistance towards the cost of this year's visit by a party of approximately 25 people from Feyzin, France. This is a longstanding twinning arrangement and in fact this year marks the 30th anniversary of the twinning arrangement. The visitors will be arriving in July 2010 and a varied programme of visits and activities, including to centres of interest within North Lincolnshire, have been arranged. 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 AND 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 Barton and District Town 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 Barton and District Town Twinning Association