

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SCUNTHORPE/MONTELMAR  
EXCHANGE**

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

- 1.1 To consider an application from the Scunthorpe Montelimar Exchange for financial assistance towards the costs of this year's exchange.

**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 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 approved criteria in respect of grant applications for linking activities which demonstrated and encouraged mutual, culture and social awareness (minute 978 refers).

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 An application has now been received from the Scunthorpe/Montelimar Exchange for financial assistance towards the costs of this year's exchange. This year a party of students will be coming to North Lincolnshire in mid July and a programme of activities has been organised. This exchange has been in place for many years and continues to be very popular. A grant of £200 has been requested to assist with the costs associated with this year's visit. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 above.

**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, finance is available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

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

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Scunthorpe/Montelimar Exchange in the financial year 2008/2009.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report** - Application received from the Scunthorpe/Montelimar Exchange