

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - BROUGHTON TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of hosting this year's exchange with Nozay, 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 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 approved criteria in respect of grant applications for linking activities which demonstrated and encouraged mutual, cultural and social awareness (minute 978 refers).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 An application has now been received from the Broughton Town Twinning Association for financial assistance towards the costs of this posting year's exchange. There is a long established twinning/link between Broughton and Nozay, France and exchanges have been taken place since 1991. This year a party from Nozay of around 30 plus people will be visiting the area and their time will be spent locally encompassing local life, industry and hospitality. The association is seeking assistance towards the costs involved. A grant of £200 has been requested. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 987 referred to 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 Broughton 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 Broughton Town Twinning Association