

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SCUNTHORPE RUGBY UNION
FOOTBALL CLUB MINI/JUNIOR SECTION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application from the Scunthorpe Rugby Union Football Club Mini/Junior Section for financial assistance towards the cost 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 policy in respect of twinning/linking activities 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 had now been received from the Scunthorpe Rugby Union Football Club Mini/Junior Section for financial assistance towards the cost of this year's exchange with a club from Clamart, France. This year a party of approximately 30 people visited Scunthorpe at Easter and a number of events were organised including an organised tournament. In addition, the Scunthorpe Under 13 Team will visit Clamart between 16 and 19 May for a tournament in that area.

3.2 This is the 25th consecutive year that an exchange between the two clubs has taken place and there are very strong links between the two clubs which will continue into the future. A grant of £200 has been requested to meet the costs associated with this year's visits and 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 Rugby Union Football Club Mini/Junior Section in the financial year 2008/2009.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Application received from the Scunthorpe Rugby Union Football Club Mini/Junior Section.