

**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 from the Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association 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 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 has now been received from the Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association for financial assistance towards the costs of this year's exchange with Gifhorn, Germany. This year a delegation from Gifhorn will visit North Lincolnshire in July and a number of events/activities have been organised to host the delegation. This is an annual exchange which has taken place for many years and is planned to do so for many years in the future. It will continue to develop the friendship between Gifhorn and North Lincolnshire. A grant of £200 has been requested to meet the costs associated with this year's visit 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 Glanford/Gifhorn Twinning Association in the financial year 2008/2009.

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