

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE  
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

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

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of an exchange between delegations (including musicians) from Clamart, France and representatives of North Lincolnshire Town Twinning Association, and towards re-establishing links with Luneberg, Germany with the aim of cultural exchanges.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The council's former Policy Committee agreed that the council's approach in respect of twinning/linking should be to adopt an 'arm's 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 it 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 been received from the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association requesting the maximum grant of £200 to support plans for a group of local musicians to visit Clamart in May 2019, and to receive a delegation from Clamart in June 2019. The grant will also assist the Association's work in trying to re-establish historic twinning links with Luneberg with the aim of future cultural exchanges involving adults and children of local communities.
- 2.3 This remains a long standing twinning arrangement involving a local community, which the council has continued to support over the years. Efforts to re-establish historic links with Luneberg aims to rejuvenate twinning links and relationships developed previously between the regions. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to above.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 To grant, or not grant the applications

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 To grant the application will provide supporting grant assistance to the Association enabling it to sustain and strengthen twinning links established over the years, and to re-establish historic twinning links. This also provides good publicity for North Lincolnshire and enhances educational, cultural, leisure, sporting and tourism and links between the regions.

4.2 Not to grant assistance may impact upon the proposed and future visits/events and associated publicity and weaken links referred to above in paragraph 4.1.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 There are no staffing, property or IT implications associated with the report, and in relation to the financial implications limited finances are available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

5.1 Not applicable

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

6.1 There are no conflicts of interest.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the North Lincolnshire Twinning Association.

DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** - Exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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