

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET - 19 AUGUST 2009

EAST AYRSHIRE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask Cabinet to consider a request for financial assistance from the East Ayrshire Twinning Association.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Twinning Association is an amalgamation of the two Twinning Associations which operated in the former Cumnock and Doon Valley and Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council areas. The Association was formed in 1996.
- 2.2 The Association's aims and objectives are to promote all aspects of twinning between East Ayrshire and its twin towns by developing friendly, cultural, social, economic, sporting and educational links.
- 2.3 East Ayrshire is twinned with Kulmbach (Germany), Santa Coloma de Gramenet (Spain), Ales (France), Herstal (Belgium), and Joué-lès-Tours (France).

3. ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

- 3.1 The Twinning Association has requested financial assistance of £500.00 for general running costs.

4. PREVIOUS SUPPORT

- 4.1 The Twinning Association has received financial support from the Council in the past. This has included assistance for visits from families from Joué-lès-Tours and also administrative costs. The Twinning Association was also awarded £1,000 in March 2005 for assistance in relation to a visit from families from Joué-lès-Tours.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Twinning Association has requested financial assistance of £500 from the Council to assist with general running costs. Funding can be accommodated from the Central Services - General Grants budget if approval is given.

6. POLICY/RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The grant has been assessed in accordance with Council procedures.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The organisation contributes to the aims within the Lifelong Learning Plan in joint working and engaging people.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 Cabinet is asked to agree to approve the application from East Ayrshire Twinning Association for financial assistance for £500.00 in relation to general running costs.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application for financial assistance from East Ayrshire Twinning Association.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on telephone number 01563 576135.

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