

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2005

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 the Sub-Committee to consider a request for financial assistance from the East Ayrshire Twinning Association in respect of a visit by families from Joué-lès-Tours from 26-30 May 2005.

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 East Ayrshire are twinned with Kulmbach (Germany), Santa Coloma de Gramenet (Spain), Ales (France), Herstal (Belgium), and Joué-lès-Tours (France).

2.3 Proposed Visit

- 2.3.1 East Ayrshire Twinning Association are organising a five day visit from Joué-lès-Tours incorporating heritage visits, exchanging experiences and exploring cultural differences between the two areas.

- 2.3.2 The Group will visit between 26-30 May 2005 and will be hosted by families in the area.

3. ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

- 3.1 The Twinning Association has requested financial assistance of £2,700. This will include transport (£500), meals (£1,650), visits (£450) and band (£300). The Twinning Association would contribute £200.00 towards the costs.

4. PREVIOUS SUPPORT

- 4.1 The Twinning Association has received financial support from the Members' Services & Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee in the past. This has included assistance for visits from families from Joué-lès-Tours and also administrative costs.

- 4.2 The level of support previously awarded to the Twinning Association for similar visits has been £1,000.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of the proposed visit, as advised by the Twinning Association, would be approximately £2,900.

5.2 The Twinning Association has requested financial assistance of £2,700 from the Council.

6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - NIL.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the application from East Ayrshire Twinning Association for financial assistance in relation to a visit from families from Joué-lès-Tours.

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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 Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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