

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 26 MARCH 2003

VISIT BY GROUP FROM KULMBACH

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub-Committee of a visit by a group from Kulmbach who will be visiting Scotland in August 2003 and to consider a request for a Kulmbach/Kilmarnock evening.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As members will be aware, following a review of arrangements at reorganisation, East Ayrshire Council formed international partnerships with various towns, Kulmbach being one of them.
- 2.2 Correspondence has now been received from Hermann Müller, who has responsibility for twinning matters in Kulmbach who has advised that a programme for a visit to Kilmarnock has been drawn up, the visit to take place from 8 August of 17 August 2003.

3. PREVIOUS VISITS

- 3.1 In July 1999, Provost Boyd and his wife along with Mary Morris as chair of the East Ayrshire Twinning Association visited Kulmbach, to celebrate Kulmbach receiving the European Flag of Honour

4. PROPOSED VISIT FOR 2003

- 4.1 A proposed programme for the Kilmarnock visit has been drawn up by the visiting party in which approx 90 representatives from Kulmbach would arrive in Kilmarnock on Saturday 9 August 2003 (copy of programme enclosed). Hermann Müller has indicated that the group intend making its own arrangements for the bulk of its stay in the UK and it is understood that the a local travel agent (based at Prestwick Airport) is assisting with this.
- 4.2 However, Hermann Müller has asked for the Councils help in arranging a visit to the local Diagio plant on Tuesday 12 August and for the provision of a room for a proposed Kulmbach/Kilmarnock event that evening.
- 4.3 A suitable venue for the event is being explored in consultation with the Director of Community Services
- 4.4 The Twinning Association has been consulted and would be happy to be involved in the evening event.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The financial implications have still to be quantified but it is thought that finance will only be required for the evening event. A further report will be submitted to the Sub-Committee in due course giving more detailed costs.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Sub-Committee is asked to:-

- (i) welcome the visit by a group from Kulmbach to East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to remit to appropriate officers to liase with Hermann Müller to discuss further the proposed arrangements for the visit; and
- (iii) that a further, more detailed report be submitted to the Sub-Committee in due course.

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5 March 2003

BACKGROUND PAPER

1. Letter dated 20 February 2003 from Hermann Müller, Kulmbach

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