

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2003**

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

##### **Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request that the Sub-Committee consider an application from East Ayrshire Twinning Association for administration costs for the forthcoming year.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

#### **2.1 International Partners**

- 2.1.1 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, whose membership is composed of representatives from both of the former associations, was formed in 1996.

- 2.1.2 Following a review of arrangements at reorganisation, East Ayrshire formed international partnership with Kulmbach (Germany), Santa Colma De Gramenet (Spain), Alès (France), Herstal (Belgium) and Joué-Lés-Tours (France). The link with Sukhum is viewed on a continuing friendship basis providing for mutual exchange of information and correspondence as required.

- 2.1.3 The object of the Twinning Association is to develop friendly, cultural, social, economic, sporting and educational links between East Ayrshire and its Twinning Partners.

### **3. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED**

- 3.1 The Twinning Association have requested administration costs for the forthcoming year to cover monthly correspondence with members and at times with twin towns, including postage, stationery, printing costs and telephone calls with twin towns.

### **4. PREVIOUS SUPPORT**

- 4.1 The Twinning Association has received financial support from the Council in the past. This has included a grant of £1,000.00 awarded by the Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 13 May 1997 (Item 1, page 2228) for administrative and related expenses. At the same meeting, it was agreed that the Association could apply for further funds for use in connection with specific events organised in conjunction with the Council.

- 4.2** The Twinning Forum visit in May 1998 was also awarded £1,675.10 for Civic Hospitality, financial assistance and assistance in kind which was approved by the Members Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 20 April 1998 (Item 1, Page 3453).
- 4.3** The Twinning Forum visit by families from Joué -Lés-Tours in May 2001 was also awarded £1,000.00 towards the cost of all activities and Civic Hospitality which was approved by the Members Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee on 31 January 2001 (Item 3.7, Page 1607).
- 4.4** The Twinning Association was awarded a grant of £250.00 to cover administrative costs for the forthcoming year at the Members Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 19 March 2002 (Item 4.4, Page 2534).

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** The Twinning Association has requested a grant of £250.00 to cover administrative costs.
- 5.2** The Twinning Association currently have £433.23 in their bank account.

## **6. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil**

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the request from the Twinning Association for a grant of £250.00 to cover administrative costs for the forthcoming year.

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30 June 2003

## **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 (01563) 576129. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on (01563) 576135.

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