

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: BRANNOCK YOUTH EXCHANGE GROUP - VISIT TO NORTH LANARKSHIRE BY GROUP FROM SCHWEINFURT	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 19 July 1996	Ref: TG/IG	

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Correspondence has been received on behalf of the Brannock Youth Exchange Group regarding a reciprocal exchange visit between groups from the Brannock Youth Exchange and Schweinfurt in August and October this year.

2 Current Request

- 2.1 The Brannock Youth Exchange Group was formed earlier this year and comprises young people from the Brannock area who wish to develop social and cultural contacts with German young people and to promote and enhance individual and group skills.
- 2.2 It is intended that a group from Schweinfurt visit this area between 5 and 11 August 1996 with a return visit by young people from the youth group taking place between 11 and 21 October 1996.
- 2.3 The reason for this request is to seek financial assistance towards the cost of the visit by the Brannock Youth Group to Schweinfurt.
- 2.4 The Committee at its meeting on 5 June 1996 approved a policy with regard to financial assistance to be provided for visits by exchange groups to established twin towns overseas at a rate of £60.00 per head. Should such financial assistance be provided in this case the sum for the group of 16 would be £960.
- 2.5 The exchange group have advised that the estimated total cost of the exchange will be in the region of £9,000.00 of which the participants will pay £2,720.00 (£170 each) and the rest from fund raising events and grants from a variety of sources, including the North Lanarkshire Council.
- 2.6 In respect of the Youth Exchange element of the visit, the Education Department, in June 1996, contributed £1,800.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Committee consider awarding a grant to the Brannock Youth Exchange Group in relation to the twinning element of the visit.


Director of Administration

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