

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: TWINNING: LES MARCHES	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

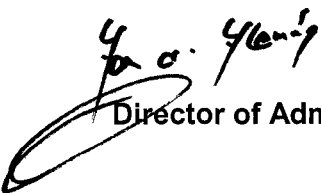
- 1.1 This report advises of an invitation received to the Council to formally inaugurate the twinning arrangements between North Lanarkshire Council and the Municipality of Les Marches and seeks homologation of action taken.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 24 October 2001, having considered a report detailing the progress of the friendship links between the communities of Stepps and Les Marches and advising that the Municipality of Les Marches sought the elevation of those links to a formal twinning relationship, agreed to recommend that the Council establish formal twinning links with the Municipality of Les Marches. That recommendation was approved by the Council.
- 2.2 The Municipality of Les Marches similarly approved the establishment of formal twinning links with North Lanarkshire Council and wrote to the Council proposing that the formal Twinning Agreement be signed, in Les Marches, on 29 September 2002 to coincide with a twinning visit to Les Marches by a group of people from Stepps and inviting the Provost and a number of colleagues to be present.
- 2.3 Following consultation with the Provost, the Convener and the Chief Executive, a response was sent accepting that invitation and arrangements made for the Council to be represented at the formal twinning ceremony by the Depute Provost and Councillor Brian Wallace.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the position and homologate the action taken.



Director of Administration

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