

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: TOWN TWINNING	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 13 May 2003	Ref: CA/GP/MS	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To advise Members of the action taken, after consultation with the Convener, in determining matters relating to Town Twinning since the last meeting of this Committee, and seeking homologation in this regard.

2. Background

- 2.1 The recommendations of the Working Party on Twinning, approved by this Council, extend to the provision of bus hire for up to two days and appropriate civic hospitality for visits from twin towns. Visits to twin towns are eligible for £50 for the first five days, or part thereof, and £5 per day thereafter.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 Correspondence had been received from the Stepps/Les Marches Twinning Association advising that a party of young people from Les Marches, France would be travelling to Stepps during April 2003 and requesting assistance with the visit. In this instance, assistance was provided in terms of Council policy.
- 3.2 Correspondence had been received from the Secretary, Kilsyth Town Twinning Association advising that a party would be travelling to Meulan, France during April 2003 to participate in celebrations for the 35th anniversary of the twinning between the two towns and requesting assistance with the visit. In this instance, assistance was provided in terms of Council policy.
- 3.3 Correspondence had received from the Mayor of Meulan extending an invitation to the Council to participate in the above mentioned celebrations. In this context, arrangements were made for the Depute Provost to represent the Council.
- 3.4 Correspondence had been received from the Chairman, Schweinfurt Twinning Association advising that a party of Technical Students would be travelling from Schweinfurt, Germany to Motherwell during May 2003 and requesting assistance with the visit. In this instance, assistance was provided in terms of Council policy.
- 3.5 Correspondence had been received from the Head Teacher, Fallside Secondary School advising that as part of the school's European Awareness Project a party would be travelling to Schweinfurt, Germany from 3 – 8 June 2003 and requesting assistance with the visit. In this instance, assistance was provided in terms of Council policy.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that, the action taken after consultation with the Convener, be homologated.

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Members seeking further information on this report are asked to contact John Fleming, Head of Central Services on Extension 2228.