

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: TWINNING: SAINT DENIS
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 12 May 2004	Ref: JAF/IL	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report advises of a request that North Lanarkshire Council support the Municipality of Saint Denis in the presentation of a workshop on the Right to Health and to a Healthy Environment.

2. Background

- 2.1 North Lanarkshire Council's twin town, the Municipality of Saint Denis, as a participant in the World Local Authorities Forum, in November 2003 hosted the Second European Forum for Local Authorities and, at that Forum, North Lanarkshire Council participated in the organisation and facilitation of a workshop on the development of public services. That international workshop was chaired by Councillor Ross who also made a presentation on behalf of the Council to the representatives of the sixty-eight participating authorities.
- 2.2 Following on that event, the fourth conference on the European Charter will take place in Nuremberg on 9 and 10 December 2004 and the Municipality of Saint Denis have asked that North Lanarkshire Council conjoin with them in the organisation of a workshop on the Right to Health and a Healthy Environment with particular reference to the role of housing and environmental preservation.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 As a major social housing landlord – and having regard to the Council's community leadership and environmental regulatory roles - North Lanarkshire Council is in a position to make a significant contribution to this workshop: it is against that background and the background of the twinning relationship with the Municipality of Saint Denis that the Committee is asked to consider this request.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that, in light of the foregoing considerations, the Committee give consideration to the request by the Municipality of Saint Denis.



Director of Administration

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