

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: TOWN TWINNING – INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF DISABLED AND NON-DISABLED PERSONS, SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	
Date: 21 February 2005 Ref: JAF/IL	

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The report advises members of a request received from the Oberbürgermeisterin, Schweinfurt, that the Council facilitate representation at the International Meeting of Disabled and Non-disabled Persons, to be held in Schweinfurt on 20-23 April 2005 and the proposals in that regard submitted by the Schweinfurt Twinning Association.

2. **Background**

2.1 Correspondence has been received from the Oberbürgermeisterin, Schweinfurt, requesting that the Council facilitate representation of North Lanarkshire disabled persons at the International Meeting of Disabled and Non-disabled Persons to be held in Schweinfurt, Germany on 20-23 April 2005.

2.2 The Schweinfurt Twinning Association have been consulted with regard to this proposal and, following discussion between the office bearers of that Association and those of North Lanarkshire Disabled Forum, propose that a member of the Disabled Forum should participate in the International Meeting and give a presentation on their work. The Twinning Association request the Council to provide financial assistance to enable this to be done.

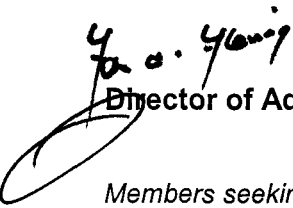
3. **Proposal**

3.1 A person to represent the Disabled Forum has been identified and, given that he is a wheelchair user, it has been identified also that he requires to be accompanied.

3.2 Correspondence with the Municipality of Schweinfurt continues to identify arrangements for accommodation etc. while in Germany. It may be, however, that some costs will be incurred in accommodation and, certainly, costs will be incurred with regard to travel. Against the background of the origin of the invitation it is proposed that those costs be met from the Council's twinning budget.

4. **Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to provide financial assistance to enable two members of the North Lanarkshire Disabled Forum to participate in the International Meeting of Disabled and Non-disabled Persons to be held in Schweinfurt on 20-23 April 2005.



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