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| To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE | | Subject: TOWN TWINNING: SCHWEINFURT UNTERFRANKENSCHAU (UFRA) 2006 |
| From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION | | |
| Date: 29 November 2006 | Ref: MS/EH | |

1. **Purpose of Report**

This report advises the Committee of receipt, from the Chairman of Schweinfurt Twinning Association, of a report on involvement in the Schweinfurt Unterfrankenschau (UFRA) 2006.

2. **Background**

2.1. The Committee, at its meeting held on 25 August 2004 were advised that previously the Council has supported the Schweinfurt Twinning Association's participation the biennial UFRAs and agreed that a grant not exceeding £2,500 to support their participation during October 2006 be agreed.

2.2. The Economic Regeneration Committee, at its meeting held on 23 May 2006, agreed, inter alia, that a contribution up to a maximum of £3,500 for the supply of merchandise and in kind support, be awarded to the Schweinfurt Twinning Association.

3. **Report**


3.1. The report submitted by the Chair of the Schweinfurt Twinning Association indicates that the show ran from 30 September until 8 October 2006 and that the participation of the Twinning Association included provision of a stand which displayed Scottish beers, whisky flavoured marmalade, Border biscuits, Gardener sweets, Glenfiddoch whisky miniatures and cakes from a local baker in Shotts.

3.2. The report further advises that, in the course of the event, a number of official events associated with UFRA which were attended by the Councillors and the twinning delegates was organised. In addition, the report advises that the North Lanarkshire stand attracted a lot of media attention with a number of newspaper items and radio and television interviews which promoted an increased awareness of North Lanarkshire in Bavaria.

3.3. A copy of the report by the Chairman of the Twinning Association has been deposited and may be inspected in the Members' Library.

4. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee noted the position.


Director of Administration

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Margaret Shankland on extension 2726.