

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: TOWN TWINNING: SCHWEINFURT TWINNING ASSOCIATION	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 9 August 2007	Ref: MS/RM	

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of action taken, after consultation with the Convener, in awarding assistance in respect of two twinning visits to North Lanarkshire and seeking homologation in this regard.

2. **Background**

The recommendations of the Working Party on Twinning, approved by the Council, extends to the provision of coach hire for up to two days and appropriate civic hospitality.

3. **Considerations**

3.1. Correspondence had been received from the Chairman, Schweinfurt Twinning Association advising (a) that a group of eight Scouts from the Council's Twin Town of Schweinfurt, Germany will be visiting North Lanarkshire from 14 to 21 August 2007, and (b) that a group of 18 people would be travelling from Schweinfurt for the Burgerreise Exchange Visit from 15 to 22 September 2007.

3.2. The Chairman also advised that in respect of both visits, the parties would be arriving with their own coach and requested that a grant be issued equivalent to that of the cost of the coach hire.

4. **Proposals**

In order to process the request timeously, and after consultation with the Convener, a grant of £350 per visit was awarded to Schweinfurt Twinning Association.

5. **Recommendation**

Members are asked to homologate the action taken, after consultation with the Convener, in providing assistance to Schweinfurt Twinning Association.


Head of Central Services

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