

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: TWINNING: BRON
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 16 October 2009	Ref: JAF/IL	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report advises the Committee of the re-allocation of twinning responsibilities within the Council of the Municipality of Bron and of the election of a new President to the Bron-Cumbernauld Twinning Association, and seeks homologation of an invitation to the Councillor in charge of twinning within Bron Council, the President of the Bron-Cumbernauld Twinning Association and two others to visit North Lanarkshire to discuss future twinning activities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of Bron advising that responsibility for twinning within that Council now rests with Councillor Mirielle Spaggiari-Meynet and that the Bron-Cumbernauld Association has a new President – Madame Aurélie Bourdais.
- 2.2 That correspondence indicated that both ladies have a desire to visit North Lanarkshire to establish contacts both within the Council and with the Cumbernauld-Bron Twinning Association and to discuss future twinning activities – and has suggested appropriate dates to be between 25 and 28 October.
- 2.3 Having regard to that correspondence, following discussion with the Provost and the Convener, an invitation has been issued to Madame Spaggiari-Meynet, Madame Bourdais together with another officer of the Twinning Association and the council officer in charge of twinning to visit North Lanarkshire, as guests of North Lanarkshire Council, between 25 and 28 October 2009. For that visit a programme will be developed including meetings with elected members, members of the Cumbernauld-Bron Twinning Association, officers of the Council, teachers from local schools and representatives of local organisations with past record of involvement or interest in twinning. The programme will also include some civic hospitality.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the position and homologate the action taken.

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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.