

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: TWINNING: SCHWEINFURT
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 20 January 2012	Ref: JAF/IL	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report advises the Committee of an invitation to the Council to participate in the celebration, in Schweinfurt, of the 50th anniversary of the Schweinfurt twinning.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The formal Twinning Agreement between the Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw and the Municipality of Schweinfurt was signed in 1962. At an earlier stage informal information from Schweinfurt suggested that an invitation would be received to participate in celebrations in Schweinfurt in early May – on dates following the elections on 3 May and prior to the statutory meeting of the Council. This was reported to the Civic Functions Group and it was then agreed that the Municipality of Schweinfurt be advised of the difficulties for the Council of the proposed dates and be asked to consider alternative dates.
- 2.2 Correspondence has now been received from the Oberbürgermeister of Schweinfurt inviting the Council to participate in the celebrations, in Schweinfurt, of the 50th anniversary of that twinning. The celebrations are to take place between 14 and 15 July 2012.
- 2.3 Full details of the invitation and the event have not as yet been received. It is, however, appropriate that the Committee formally agree, in principle at this stage, that the invitation be accepted.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the invitation received from the Oberbürgermeister of Schweinfurt and agree, in principle, that this invitation be accepted.

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