

**REPORT**

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: TOWN TWINNING: EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM SEPTEMBER 2012, BRON, FRANCE
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 30 July 2012	Ref: MS/EH	

**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise of correspondence received from the Council's Learning and Leisure Services advising that six pupils and a Dance Development Officer would be travelling to Bron, France during September 2012.

**2. Background**

2.1. North Lanarkshire Council was a signatory to a successful application for European funding to cover the costs of the European Youth Forum, consisting of groups of young people from Bron, and its four twin towns, coming together to participate in a parade which opens the Biannual Dance Festival in Lyon.

2.2. Each community within the Lyon urban conurbation together with Bron's four twin towns is invited to send a troupe of dancers to the parade which takes several hours to make its way through the city streets bringing together theatre profession and community participants. North Lanarkshire is to be represented by a group of six dancers and the Council's Dance Development Officer

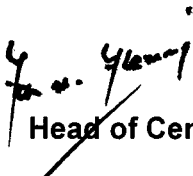
2.3. Each of Bron's four twin towns is asked, also, to support this invitation through attendance by or representation of the Civic Head and it is recommended that the Provost attend or be represented.

**3. Considerations**

The recommendations of the Working Party on Twinning, approved by the Council, extends to the provision of £50 for the first five days, or part thereof, and £5 per day thereafter for visits to our twin towns, and it is recommended that assistance be awarded in line with these recommendations.

**4. Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to given consideration to the foregoing recommendations.

  
**Head of Central Services**

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