

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: TOWN TWINNING: STEPPS/LES MARCHES TWINNING ASSOCIATION	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES			
Date: 3 August 2012	Ref: MS/EH		

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise of correspondence received from Stepps/Les Marches Twinning Association advising that 2012 will be the 10th anniversary of the official twinning link between Les Marches and Stepps.

2. **Background**

The former General Purposes Committee, at its meeting held on 23 October 2002, homologated the action taken by the Chief Executive in accepting the invitation from the Municipality of Les Marches to formally inaugurate the twinning agreements between North Lanarkshire Council and the Municipality of Les Marches.

Since this time there has been regular activity between Stepps and Les Marches and the Twinning Association have been invited to celebrate the official 10th anniversary of the twinning links in Les Marches during the weekend of 21-24 September 2012 and an invitation has been extended to the Provost to be present with formal recognition of the links on Saturday, 22 September 2012 at 11 am and it is recommended that this be accepted.

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 to the Twinning Association in line with these recommendations.

4. **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to give consideration to the foregoing.

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