

**To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board**

**On: 6 June 2018**

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**Report by: Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading: Town Twinning Visit – Fürth – July 2018**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 A letter was received from Dr. Thomas Jung, the Oberbürgermeister of the Council's twin town of Fürth in Germany, extending an invitation to the Provost and a small delegation from the Council to join Fürth in its celebration of its 200 year jubilee and attend a meeting in July of the Mayors/Provosts of all of Fürth's twin towns, Renfrewshire being the oldest.
  - 1.2 After discussion with the Provost and the Chief Executive, the Board is asked to approve a delegation comprising the Provost and Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, accompanied by the Chief Executive and one other senior officer to attend the event in July. Members are asked to note that the travel costs of the Provost and Councillor Hughes will be met by the Lord Mayor of Fürth.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Board approves the travel arrangements in respect of the Fürth visit, and that the Director of Finance and Resources be authorised to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with the Provost.

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### 3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Council has maintained formal twinning links with Fürth in Germany for almost 50 years, and this has involved exchange visits over the years by delegations of members/officers from the respective Councils. There is a long history of links with Fürth including not only formal civic exchange visits but also school exchanges, employment schemes for young people and visits involving local groups independent of the Council.

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – Flight costs for the two elected members will be met by Fürth, other costs can be met from the current budget.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – n/a
3. **Community/Council Planning** – Town twinning links allow the Council to participate on a formal basis in an exchange of ideas and good practice as well as the promotion of its place, people and culture.
4. **Legal** – n/a
5. **Property/Assets** – n/a
6. **Information Technology** – n/a
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health & Safety** – n/a
9. **Procurement** – n/a
10. **Risk** – n/a
11. **Privacy Impact** – n/a
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – n/a

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## List of Background Papers

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