

To: Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board

On: 27 March 2019

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Town Twinning – 50th Anniversary Visit from Fürth, Germany

1. Summary

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the Council has maintained formal twinning links with Fürth in Germany which have involved exchange visits by delegations of members/officers from the respective councils. The most recent visit by Renfrewshire to Fürth took place in October 2018.
 - 1.2 The official Twinning Charter was signed in June 1969 between the towns of Paisley and Fürth, Germany. At reorganisation in 1975 when the former burghs of Paisley, Barrhead, Johnstone and Renfrew became Renfrew District, the twinning link was extended to the then Renfrew District as a whole.
 - 1.3 It is proposed that we host a visit from Fürth in April 2019 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the formal twinning links with Renfrewshire. The visit would be for 4 days.
 - 1.4 The cost of the arrangements will be met from within the 2019/20 budget provision for International Links.
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2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That it be agreed to host a visit by a delegation from Fürth in April 2019; and
- 2.2 That the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Provost be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – The costs of this visit will be met within the International Links budget provision for 2019/20.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
- 3. **Community/Council Planning** – within the format of the visit it will be possible to discuss issues relating to the guiding principles of the community plan and to learn from the experience of others.
- 4. **Legal** - None
- 5. **Property/Assets** - None
- 6. **Information Technology** – None
- 7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
 - (a) 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. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. **Health & Safety** – None
- 9. **Procurement** - None
- 10. **Risk** – None
- 11. **Privacy Impact** – None
- 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable

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