

Report for Information

Report to Twinning Committee

Thursday 5 March 2009

Report of Twinning Officer

Subject Rouen 50th Anniversary Celebrations

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Purpose

To update the Committee on the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Recommendation

To note the report and to delegate, to the Twinning Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, the level of contribution from the Twinning Fund to support the weekend activities.

Corporate Objective/Service Plan Priority

The report helps to achieve the corporate objective to contribute the service plan priority of promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between the people of Norwich and those in the twin Cities.

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Report

Members will be aware that 14 May is the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning agreement between Rouen and Norwich. Last autumn, after discussions with Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association we invited the Lord Mayor of Rouen to consider a twinning weekend of activities in Norwich to celebrate the anniversary. The weekend chosen was 22 May to 24 May 2009.

The initial plans for the weekend are for the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association to host an evening on the Friday where the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship and other participating groups will undertake activities. A Civic dinner will be held on the Saturday evening.

Unfortunately, due to the fact that Rouen was unable to identify their preferred weekend until January, the number of groups able to take part is smaller than originally hoped. As well as the Civic party, several members from Rouen's two five-a-side football teams and a veterans rugby team will be coming.

Discussions are on going with several other groups who have not been able to commit to this weekend and it is hoped that their visits will happen another time.

It will be necessary to ask the Twinning Committee to support the weekend from the Twinning Fund. More details will be presented verbally at the meeting.