



NORWICH City Council

Committee Name: Twinning

Committee Date: 23/06/2022

Report Title: Twinning fund – financial position

Portfolio: Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources

Report from: Democratic and elections manager

Wards: All wards

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Purpose

To provide a financial update to the twinning committee

Recommendation:

To note the twinning fund financial position

Policy Framework

The Council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- People live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.
- Norwich is a sustainable and healthy city.
- Norwich has the infrastructure and housing it needs to be a successful city.
- The city has an inclusive economy in which residents have equal opportunity to flourish.
- Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city.

This report helps to meet the corporate priorities of Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city and people live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.

Report Details

Financial Position 2021 -22

1. The balance of the Twinning Fund in January 2022 was **£3489.97**, there were no transactions up to this date for the financial year.
2. Expenditure transactions in January 2022 were as follows

| Date | Transactions | £ |
|--------------|--|--------|
| January 2022 | Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association | 200.00 |
| January 2022 | Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association | 200.00 |
| January 2022 | Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association | 200.00 |
| January 2022 | Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association – Paul Cross Memorial Concert | 250.00 |

3. These grants concern the 2021-2022 financial year. The twinning committee will need to consider how grant funding to the associations is taken forward to the next financial year 2022-23. The committee would need to recommend any future grants to the executive director of corporate and commercial services for approval.
4. The closing balance at the end of the of the 2021-22 financial year was **£2639.97**.

Financial Position 2022-23

5. The opening balance for the financial year 2022-23 is **£2639.97**.
6. The Twinning Fund will be allocated an additional **£2060** for the current financial year.
7. Members of the committee are reminded that applications for grants for twinning related activities can be made by completing a form and contacting the democratic and elections manager.

8. The Twinning Associations are encouraged to submit applications to the committee for consideration.
9. Any grants recommended by the committee would need to be approved by the executive director of corporate and commercial services

Consultation

10. There has been no consultation on this report.

Implications

Financial and Resources

Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan and Budget.

11. The report sets out the financial position of the twinning fund. Any grant applications will be considered within existing budgets.

Legal

12. There are no legal implications within this report.

Statutory Considerations

| Consideration | Details of any implications and proposed measures to address: |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Equality and Diversity | None |
| Health, Social and Economic Impact | None |
| Crime and Disorder | None |
| Children and Adults Safeguarding | None |
| Environmental Impact | None |

Other Options Considered

13. No other options are recommended.

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

14. The twinning committee is invited to note the financial position to enable grant applications to be considered throughout the year.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None

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