

Committee name: Twinning

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Report title: Update on the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau Friendship Link

Report from: Alan Waters

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Purpose

This report provides an update on the activities on the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau Friendship link.

Recommendation:

To note the report.

Report details

- 1. Unfortunately, Alan Waters is unable to attend the meeting but has provided the following update.
- 2. The city council agreed to the establishment of friendship link with the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau indigenous people at its full council meeting in November 2022. The report can be found here.
- 3. The friendship charter is close to completion.
- 4. By the next meeting of the twinning committee copies of the charter will have been sent to the Brazilian Government and regional tiers of government. It will also be sent to the Brazilian Embassy in the UK to inform them of the connection between Norwich and the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau. This will deliver on one of the objectives for this indigenous community: that the friendship link will give visibility, a higher profile and some protection in the defence of their territory and precious rainforest.
- 5. A draft constitution is in preparation and modelled upon examples from the other twinning associations in the city. This will be completed by the end of July.
- 6. A priority is to establish a steering group of volunteers that can help with the work of shaping up areas of collaboration and other links, as outlined in the report that went to full council. This is a target to be achieved during the Autumn of 2023.



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