

Report to Twinning committee

Item

15 June 2017

Report of Director of business services

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Subject Civic visit – Day of the Cities in Novi Sad

Purpose

The Lord Mayor has been invited to attend an annual festival for Novi Sad's twin cities.

Recommendation

To approve the payment of travel costs for the Lord Mayor to attend the Day of the Cities in Novi Sad.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority to provide a prosperous and vibrant city. The twinning associations contribute to the council's service plan priority by promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Financial implications

There are sufficient funds within the twinning account to cover this request.

Ward/s: Not applicable

Cabinet member: Councillor Ryan- health and wellbeing

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

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1. The Day of the Cities of Novi Sad holds an annual festival where representatives of all its twin cities are invited.
2. Norwich is a premier city and our Lord Mayor is very welcome.
3. The association has invited this year's Lord Mayor, Councillor Fullman to attend the festival on 30 January to 3 February 2018 which he would like to accept.

Day of the Cities

4. The Lord Mayor is the president of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association and the association is particularly keen for the city to be represented at the next festival because the Lord Mayor was unavailable last year due to other civic duties.
5. The Lord Mayor will be the guest of the City of Novi Sad. The hosts cover all costs during the Lord Mayor's stay in Novi Sad. The committee is being asked to consider funding the Lord Mayor's travel costs to and from Heathrow and costs of flights to enable this visit to go ahead.
6. The civic visit to Novi Sad helps to provide a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities.