

Report to Twinning committee

Item

14 June 2018

Report of Director of business services

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Subject Annual grants to the Twinning associations

Purpose

To ask committee to consider the annual grant to the four twinning associations

Recommendation

To approve the annual grants of £200 to each of the associations.

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 these grants.

Ward/s:

Cabinet member: Councillor Packer - health and wellbeing

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

Report

1. The committee has regularly made an annual contribution of £200 to three of the Associations to help support their activities.
2. The Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link had previously received free use of committee rooms and postage and printing. However, the Link has reviewed this arrangement and would like to receive an annual contribution in line with the other associations. Since the beginning of the year, the link has no longer taken advantage of the free postage and printing facilities. It also intends to hold its committee meetings outside City Hall in future. It is therefore reasonable for the link to receive an annual contribution in line with the other associations.
3. The committee reviews these grants at its first meeting of the civic year. Members are therefore asked to consider making a contribution of £200 to each of the associations for 2018-19.