

## **Report for Resolution**

**Report to** Twinning committee  
15 March 2012

**Item**

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**Report of** Twinning officer

**Subject** Twinning activities

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### **Purpose**

This report updates members on issues arising at the last meeting and advises members of the twinning fund balance.

### **Recommendations**

To note the report and that the twinning fund balance is in credit of £791.47 as at 29 February 2012.

### **Contact Officers**

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### **Background Documents**

None

# Report

## **Display of twinning souvenirs**

1. At the last meeting members of the associations discussed the display of twinning information and memorabilia at Dragon Hall. Councillor Bremner has spoken to the Norfolk and Norwich Heritage Trust and will update members at your meeting.
2. The Norfolk and Norwich Heritage Trust has confirmed to Jackie Rodger, senior committee officer, that it is happy to continue to support the twinning associations by hosting these displays in the Dragon Hall education room. Also, the trust is willing to let the associations hold meetings at Dragon Hall at cost price.
3. I was asked to investigate other locations for the display of twinning items. The office facilities team leader has confirmed that a refurbishment programme is about to commence at City Hall. He has suggested that it might be possible to hang twinning pictures on the east corridors of City Hall. This could be done on a rotation basis in order to maximise the number that can be displayed. Consideration could be given to displaying other memorabilia subject to final refurbishment plans but there would be a budget issue in respect of cabinets that would need to be of sufficient quality in respect of security as well as visual.

## **Sign on the corner of St Augustine Steward's House**

The issue of the sign on the walls of St Augustine Steward's House has been raised with conservation officers. I hope to be able to report further at your meeting on any actions taken to remove or replace this sign.

## **Twinning fund**

4. The City of Koblenz provided a grant to the city to take part in its national garden festival (BUGA) hosted in Koblenz in 2011. The city council has recently submitted its claim for reimbursement of expenditure on the garden and cultural programme. For accounting purposes the twinning fund was used as a holding account.
5. Taking into account the grant to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association of £200, agreed at the last meeting, the current balance of the twinning fund is £791.47.
6. No applications for grants have been received for consideration at this meeting.
7. The council has agreed to allocate £2,000 to support twinning activities for the next financial year which will be added to the balance above.