



NORWICH City Council

Committee Name: Twinning

Committee Date: 19/10/2023

Report Title: Twinning fund –Update

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 report.

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

1. The balance of the Twinning Fund on 19 October 2023 will be £5,510
2. This includes the council's annual twinning contribution of £2,060 for the current financial year.
3. There have been no grant applications from twinning associations for specific events in the current financial year 2023-2024.
4. The twinning associations are encouraged to submit applications to the committee for consideration for any events planned.
5. Members of the committee are reminded that grant applications from twinning associations are made by completing a grant application form which is sent to the democratic and elections manager. Any applications are then considered by the twinning committee. The committee will recommend any agreed grants to the Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) for approval.
6. At its meeting in October 2022, the twinning committee recommended using the twinning fund to purchase new twinning boards to be displayed in the civic corridor at City Hall. The cost for 5 new boards was estimated at £150 and these costs have been approved. The democratic and elections manager encourages the associations to bring forward their wording and artwork. We will start the work removing the old boards shortly.
7. The friendship link between Norwich and Uru-Eu-Wau Wau indigenous people based in Rondônia, Brazil has been established. The agreement is due to be signed by the Lord Mayor this month.
8. The council has been in contact with the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association about a football tournament including clubs from Rouen and Norfolk. The event is being held at Easton College. The association is very welcome to make a grant application to the committee to help support the event.

Consultation

9. There has been no consultation on this report.

Implications

Financial and Resources

10. 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

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

13. 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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