Committee name: Twinning

Committee date: 26/02/2026

Report title: Twinning Fund - Update

Portfolio: Councillor Kidman, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Culture

Report from: Head of legal and governance

Wards: All Wards

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Purpose

To provide a financial update to the Twinning committee

Recommendation:

1) To note the grant applications to be considered by the Section 151 Officer.

Policy framework

The council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- A prosperous Norwich.
- A fairer Norwich.
- A climate responsive Norwich.
- A future-proof Norwich.
- An open and modern council.

This report helps to meet the corporate priorities of “A prosperous Norwich” and “An open and modern council”.

Report details

1. A verbal update on the fund will be given at the meeting.

2. Two grant applications have been received from the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship association.

3. The Section 151 Officer has confirmed that further grants will not be approved until a robust governance structure is in place which meets the Councils financial procedure rules. Work is currently ongoing to create these and once in place any outstanding grants will be assessed against this alongside an updated terms of reference.

Consultation

4. Consultation has taken place with the Section 151 Officer.

Implications

Financial and resources

5. 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.

6. The report sets out the financial position of the twinning fund. Any grant applications will be considered within existing budgets.

Legal

7. 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

Risk management

Risk	**Consequence**	**Controls required**
Include operational, financial, compliance, security, legal, political, or reputational risks to the council	None	None

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

Appendices: None

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