Report to Twinning committee Item

26 March 2015

Report of The twinning assistant

Subject Application for a twinning committee grant

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Purpose

To notify the committee of the application for a grant from the Garage trust Ltd.

Recommendations

To approve the making of a grant of £250 to the Garage trust Ltd to facilitate the attendance of students and adults from Rouen at the Garage arts venue in Norwich to participate in workshops.

Financial Consequences

There are sufficient funds to pay for this grant which fulfils the aims of the council to promote and foster links and exchanges between the people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Corporate Objective/Service Plan Priority

The report helps to meet the strategic priority *City of character and culture* and the service plan priority of providing a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people.

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Background Documents

None

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- 1. An application for a twinning committee grant has been received from The Garage Trust Ltd. (see appendix 1).
- 2. The purpose of the request is to enable the trust to facilitate the attendance of students and adults from deprived areas of Rouen at the Garage arts venue in Norwich to participate in dance workshops in July 2015.
- 3. This is the first time that The Garage has applied for a grant from the committee, and they state that the aim is to develop a long term, productive partnership with Rouen.
- 4. If successful, it is planned that a reciprocal visit by Norwich youngsters to Rouen will follow, establishing a further ongoing link between the cities.
- 5. The visit for the workshop fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes 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. The granting of £250 towards the costs incurred by the performers is therefore within the aims of the committee.