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Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 February 2007
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Twinning Grant – Larkhall Twinning Association
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) due to timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to award a twinning hosting grant of £220 to Larkhall Twinning Association who hosted a group of 11 visitors from Seclin, France between 26 and 29 January 2007.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee are requested to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member to award a twinning hosting grant of £220 to Larkhall Twinning Association for an exchange to promoting twinning links involving 11 participants from Seclin, France, be noted;

3. Background

3.1 At its meeting on 1 February 2000, the Corporate Resources Committee agreed that:-

- ◆ twinning grants for travel would remain at £45 for people aged 26 years and under and £25 for all others
- ◆ hosting grants would be £20 per visitor to local groups
- ◆ grants would only be available for visits between the Council's twin towns
- ◆ all requests would be submitted to the relevant Area Committee for approval

4. Criteria for Twinning Hosting/Travel Grants

4.1 Organisations applying for funding to participate in an exchange should meet the following criteria:-

- ◆ well established bona fide organisations, properly constituted with open membership
- ◆ bank account must be held in the name of the organisation
- ◆ organisation should have been in operation for at least one year
- ◆ non-profit making, voluntary organisation

4.2 Funding will be considered for contribution towards:-

- ◆ travel/insurance costs for outgoing exchanges

- ◆ programme of activity for visitors, incoming exchanges
- ◆ hosting costs (in-kind) for incoming exchanges, ie welcome pack in cases of need

5. Details of Application by Larkhall Twinning Association for Twinning Grant

5.1 The details of the application by Larkhall Twinning Association for a twinning grant are as follows:-

Dates of Visit:	26 to 29 January 2007
Twin Town Link:	Seclin, France
Type of Grant:	Twinning Hosting Grant
Purpose of Exchange:	Promote Twinning
No of Participants:	11
Grant Allocation:	£220

5.2 The application was assessed and met the relevant grant criteria.

6. Employee Implications

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 A total budget allocation for 2005/2006 of £9,500 had been agreed to support twinning grant applications from groups throughout South Lanarkshire. The current application was funded from this allocation.

8. Other Implications - Conditions of Twinning Travel/Hosting Grants

8.1 On signing the application form, groups agree to:-

- ◆ act as ambassadors for their home town and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during the exchange
- ◆ spend any grant as detailed on the submitted application form
- ◆ complete and return the "Monitoring and Evaluation Form" to the local Twinning Association within 28 days of each exchange visit
- ◆ complete and return the "Financial Details Form" to the local Twinning Association within 28 days of the exchange
- ◆ make receipts available to identified Council officers on request

8.2 By completing and signing the application form, the organisation is agreeing to comply with the above conditions. Failure to comply with the conditions will be dealt with accordingly and future funding applications to South Lanarkshire Council will be jeopardised.

9. Consultation

None required.

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Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

16 January 2007

Link(s) to Council Objectives

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Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Larkhall Twinning Association Twinning Grant Application Form

Contact for Further Information

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