

Report

Report to: **Clydesdale Area Committee**
Date of Meeting: **19 June 2007**
Report by: **Executive Director (Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Twinning Grant Applications – Clydesdale International Twinning Association and Keith Dickson Accordion Orchestra**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ obtain formal approval of the following twinning grant applications which have been assessed as meeting the relevant criteria:-
 - ◆ Clydesdale International Twinning Association (CITA) for a twinning hosting grant for a social/cultural exchange involving 17 participants from Yvetôt, France
 - ◆ CITA for a twinning travel grant for a social/cultural exchange to Hemmingen, Germany involving 14 participants over the age of 26 years
 - ◆ Keith Dickson Accordion Orchestra (KODA and Kodetta) for a twinning travel grant for a social/cultural exchange to Hemmingen, Germany involving 8 participants over the age of 26 years and 28 under the age of 26 years

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a twinning hosting grant of £340 be awarded to Clydesdale International Twinning Association (CITA) for a social/cultural exchange involving 17 participants from Yvetot, France between 5 and 9 June 2007;
- (2) that a twinning travel grant of £350 be awarded to CITA for a cultural and social exchange involving 14 participants travelling to Hemmingen, Germany between 25 June and 2 July 2007; and
- (3) that a twinning travel grant of £1,460 be awarded to Keith Dickson Accordion Orchestra (KODA and Kodetta) for a cultural and social exchange involving 8 participants over the age of 26 years and 28 under the age of 26 years travelling to Hemmingen, Germany between 28 June and 6 July 2007; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair or Depute Chair, be authorised to vary the award to take account of the final number of participants involved in the twinning links.

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 Travel/Hosting 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 Current Applications

5.1 The details of the current applications for twinning grant are as follows:-

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| 5.1.1. | Applicant: | Clydesdale International Twinning Association |
| | Dates of Visit: | 5 to 9 June 2007 |
| | Twin Town Link: | Yvetôt, France |
| | Type of Grant: | Twinning Hosting Grant |
| | Purpose of Exchange: | Cultural and social exchange to increase awareness of Clydesdale rural heritage and common links |
| | No of Participants: | 17 |
| | Grant Allocation: | £340 |
| 5.1.2. | Applicant: | Clydesdale International Twinning Association |
| | Dates of Visit: | 25 June to 2 July 2007 |
| | Twin Town Link: | Hemingen, Germany |
| | Type of Grant: | Twinning Travel Grant |
| | Purpose of Exchange: | Cultural and social exchange focussing on the theme of "volunteering" |
| | No of Participants: | 14 (over 26 years of age) |
| | Grant Allocation: | £350 |
| 5.1.3. | Applicant: | Keith Dickson Accordion Orchestra (KODA and Kodetta) |
| | Dates of Visit: | 28 June to 6 July 2007 |
| | Twin Town Link: | Hemmingen, Germany |
| | Type of Grant: | Twinning Travel Grant |
| | Purpose of Exchange: | Cultural and social exchange promoting traditional Scottish music and culture |
| | No of Participants: | 36 (8 over and 28 under 26 years of age) |
| | Grant Allocation: | £1,460 |

6 Employee Implications

6.1 None

7 Financial Implications

- 7.1 A total budget allocation for 2007/2008 of £9,500 has been agreed to support twinning grant applications from groups throughout South Lanarkshire. The application can be funded from this allocation.
- 7.2 Final numbers of participants may, however, fluctuate between the time of application and the date of travel. Authority is requested, therefore, for the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair or Depute Chair, to vary the award to take account of the final number of participants involved in the twinning link.

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

- 8.1 On signing the application form, the groups will 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

- 9.1 Appropriate consultation has taken place with Clydesdale International Twinning Association.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

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Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

Travel and Hosting Grant application forms submitted

Contact for Further Information

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