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Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 June 2005
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Twinning Grant Application – Quicksilver Line Dancers
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ? obtain formal approval of twinning grant applications by Quicksilver Line Dancers for a twinning travel grant for a social and cultural exchange between East Kilbride and Ballerup which has been assessed as meeting the relevant criteria

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that a twinning hosting grant of £350 be awarded to Quicksilver Line Dancers for a social and cultural exchange to Ballerup, Denmark between 9 – 13 June 2005
- (2) that the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair or Depute Chair, be authorised to vary the awards 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 or 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. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

6.1. A total budget allocation for 2005/06 of £9,500 has been agreed to support twinning grant applications from groups throughout South Lanarkshire.

6.2. The application under consideration, full details of which are contained in Appendix 1, can be funded.

6.3. 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 and/or Depute Chair, to vary the award to take account of the final number of participants involved in the twinning links.

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

7.1. On signing the application form, 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

7.2. By completing and signing the application form, the organisations are 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.

8. Consultation

8.1. None

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23 May 2005

Link(s) to Council Objectives

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Previous References

11 May 2005

List of Background Papers

Quicksilver Line Dancers Travel Grant application form

Contact for Further Information

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TWINNING GRANT APPLICATION – EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING ON 8 JUNE 2005

Names of Groups	Dates of Visits	Type of Grants	Twin Town Link	Types of Exchange	Numbers of Participants	Grant Allocation
Quicksilver Line Dancers	9 – 13 June 2005	Travel	Ballerup	Social and Cultural	5 young people 5 adults	£225 £125
					TOTAL	£350