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Report to:	East Kilbride Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 May 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Twinning Grant Application – East Kilbride Old Parish Church
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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) because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve an application by East Kilbride Old Parish Church for a twinning grant which had been assessed as meeting the relevant criteria. The purpose of the grant was for a musical and cultural exchange involving 25 participants who were travelling from Ballerup, Denmark between 14 and 19 October 2011.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the following 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 be noted;
- ◆ the award of a twinning grant of £750 to East Kilbride Old Parish Church for a musical and cultural exchange involving 25 participants travelling from Ballerup, Denmark between 14 and 19 October 2011; and
 - ◆ authorisation for the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair or Depute Chair, to vary the award, if necessary, to take account of the final number of participants involved in the twinning link

3. Background

3.1. At the Executive Committee meeting of 25 February 2009, it was agreed that a flat rate grant of £30 per person be awarded for both incoming and outgoing participants on twinning exchanges between the Council's twin towns. The revised grant would apply to applications received from 1 April 2009.

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 Application by East Kilbride Old Parish Church

- 5.1. The details of the current application by East Kilbride Old Parish Church for a twinning grant are as follows:-

Dates of Visit (Incoming): 14 to 19 October 2011
Twin Town Link: Ballerup, Denmark
Purpose of Exchange: Musical and cultural exchange
No of Participants: 25
Grant Allocation: £750

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. A total budget allocation for 2010/2011 of £9,500 had been agreed to support twinning grant applications from groups throughout South Lanarkshire. The application would 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 was granted, 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 Grants

- 8.1. On signing the application form, the group 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 agreed 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. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. Appropriate consultation has taken place with East Kilbride Twinning Association.
- 9.2. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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10 May 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values
People Focused

Previous References
Executive Committee - 25 February 2009

List of Background Papers
East Kilbride Old Parish Church Twinning Grant application form

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