

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LARGE COMMITTEE ROOM
CIVIC HEADQUARTERS
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017 AT 6.00 PM**

- Chair** : Director of Corporate Services
- Present** : Alderman Hickey
Councillors: Baird, Knight-McQuillan, McCorkell
and Chivers
- Officers Present** : P O'Brian, Funding Manager
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor D Nicholl. (Councillor Chivers as substitution for transaction of business for the evening)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest recorded.

3 REVIEW OF TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS

The Twinning Sub-Committee received a report on terms of reference for the Sub-Committee for approval and to provide background information on the current position regarding legacy twinning arrangements and introduce matters for consideration.

The Council agreed in March 2016 to transfer legacy Council twinning arrangements and contributions into the 2016/17 financial year and to facilitate a review of the twinning associations and a recommendation to Corporate Policy and Resources prior to the 2017/18 estimates process.

As part of the review presentations were received from Moyle, Coleraine and Limavady Twinning Associations, with Ballymoney providing a written submission. Each Twinning Association outlined their aims, objectives and plans for 2017.

In January 2017 Council agreed to retain the same level of funding support for 2017/18 (£14,700) and nominated Elected Members to each of the four legacy Twinning Associations.

Council also agreed to establish a Twinning Sub-Committee consisting of one Elected Member from each party to take forward the review and make recommendations to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

The Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the Draft Terms of Reference, setting out scope, membership, meeting schedule and matters for consideration in terms of policy and budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED – that the Terms of Reference detailed in the report presented are approved and that officers proceed to develop an options paper.

AGREED – that the Terms of Reference detailed in the report presented are approved subject to the additional bullet points set out below and that officers proceed to develop an options paper.

3.1 Scope:

- Consider future potential opportunities for Twinning

3.2 Membership:

- Representatives from the 4 Twinning Associations to be invited to attend Twinning Sub-Committee meetings when necessary.

3.4 AGREED 3.4 - that the Chair of the Sub-Committee would be Councillor Knight-McQuillan.

4 FUNDING INFORMATION

The Funding Manager verbally advised the Twinning Sub-Committee that there was potential funding available through the European Programme for Citizens but this had to be submitted by 1 September 2017. Set out within the application would include post Brexit implications and consolidate relations with Europe.

AGREED – that the Funding Manager would investigate funding through the European Programme for Citizens.

It was stressed that it was be made clear to the Twinning Associations that current grants from Council were still available and that this was additional funding.

The Funding Manager agreed to speak to each of the Twinning Groups.

There being no further business, the Director of Corporate Services declared the meeting closed at 6.35 pm.