

<b>Twinning</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leadership and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Building relationships and sharing cultural experiences
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Moira Quinn
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	£14,700

**This purpose of this report is to consider Council financial contribution and membership of Twinning Associations.**

#### 1.0 **Background:**

The Council decided in March 2016 (CPR15/3/16 – Appendix 1) to transfer legacy Council twinning arrangements and contributions into the 2016/17 financial year to facilitate a review of the twinning associations and a recommendation to Corporate Policy and Resources prior to the 2017/18 estimates process.

Presentations were received from Moyle, Coleraine and Limavady Twinning Associations at a Workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Ballymoney provided a written submission attached at Appendix 2. Each Twinning Association outlined their aims, objectives and plans for 2017.

The following table summarises the current arrangements in terms of financial and other support

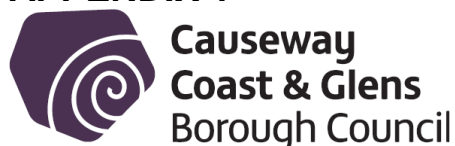
<b>Legacy Council</b>	<b>Twinning Town(s)</b>	<b>Financial contribution</b>	<b>Other Support</b>
Limavady Borough Council	Vigneux Sur Seine (France) Westport Co Mayo	£2,700	Mayor and 2 Elected Members sit on the Twinning Association
Coleraine Borough Council	Municipality of La Roche-Sur-Yon (France)	£5,000	One Officer and 4 Elected Members sit on the Twinning Association
Ballymoney Borough Council	Vanves (France) Isle of Man	£5,000	4 Elected Members sit on the Twinning Association
Moyle District Council	Pourrieres (France) Ballinasloe, Co. Galway Covington, USA	£2,000	3 Elected Members sit on the Twinning Association

## 2.0 Recommendation

**It is recommended** that the Committee

- Considers the same level of funding support for 2017/18 (£14,700) and
- Establishes Elected Member representation on each Twinning Association.

## APPENDIX 1



<b>Twinning</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For Decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leader and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Building relationships and sharing cultural experiences
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Stephen McMaw
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	£14,700

### 1.0 Background

1.1 Each of the four Legacy Councils had a Twinning relationship with other towns, aimed at promoting friendship and understanding. The relationships were managed through Twinning Associations. The Legacy Councils offered varying degrees of Financial, Officer and Elected Member support as detailed in the table below:

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## **2.0 Twinning post 2015**

- 2.1 The Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (the Council) agreed that the Twinning arrangements relating to the Legacy Councils should be rolled over to the new Council for 2015/2016.
- 2.2 The Twinning relationships have been developed over many years. The convergence of the four Legacy Councils has created a degree of uncertainty with the various Twinning Associations as to the future commitment of the Council. At this stage each of the Associations is in the process of planning activities for 2016/2017 and will require clarification on Council funding.
- 2.3 As part of the 2016/2017 estimates process, the funding allocation for the four Legacy Council Twinning Associations has been carried over. Subject to Council approval this funding is available.
- 2.4 Currently, Council Officers have been tasked with compiling information in relation to the various projects undertaken by the Twinning Associations. This information will assist in assessing the longer term approach for Council.
- 2.5 In terms of the 2016/2017 financial year, funding has been allowed for as part of the budget process and this will enable the Twinning Associations to plan their in year projects. A report on the longer term approach will be presented to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee prior to the 2017/2018 estimates process.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council approve the transfer of the Legacy Council Twinning arrangements into the 2016/2017 financial year.



# BALLYMONEY BOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Dear Siobhan

Regrettably Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association are unable to have a representative attend tonight's presentation.

Can I outline a few points for your information :-

Ballymoney is currently twinned with Vanves, France and Douglas, Isle of Man.

Recently the Twinning association have hosted and completed the following engagements:

1. Visit from Vanves, of 19 young footballers to attend the annual KRD international football competition held in Ballymoney each May.
2. June 2015 visit by Mayor of CC&G, to Vanves for opening of Music Conservatory.
3. Visit by Vanves Councilors to Ballymoney Battle of the Somme Commemorations Aug 2015
4. Visit from Isle of Man, ladies rugby team to play Ballymoney ladies in September 2015.
5. Visit to Ballymoney of Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas, Isle of Man, March 2016
6. Visit to Isle of man Chamber of Commerce by Mayor of CC&G and 2 Twinning Members April 2016
7. Ballymoney Ladies Rugby team visit to Isle of Man, May 2016

As you can see the Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association are very active in the promotion of Ballymoney with our links. We have also had school exchanges in the past and have current links with Schools in Vanves and isle of Man.

Once again apologies for being unable to attend tonight's meeting due to previous commitments

Kind Regards

Benny Knight (secretary)