

Supplementary Agenda



Cultural Committee

Date: Monday, 24 June 2019

Time: 10:00

Venue: Council Chambers,
Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank

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Dear Member

Item to Follow and Additional Item

I refer to the agenda for the above Meeting of the Cultural Committee which was issued on 11 June 2019 and now enclose a copy of the undernoted report which was not available for issue at that time, and would also advise that Bailie Agnew, Chair, has intimated an additional item of business (Item 7, 'Signage in West Dunbartonshire').

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

Note referred to:-/

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6 TOWN TWINNING UPDATE

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Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with potential partners.

7 SIGNAGE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

An update will be provided in relation to this item.

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Strategic Lead - Regulatory****Meeting of the Cultural Committee: 24 June 2019**

Subject: Town Twinning Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To provide the Committee with an update on progress being made in relation to developing international links with existing and potential partners.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee is asked to:

- (a) note the progress being made in relation to develop international links with existing and potential partners as outlined in the report;
- (b) note that the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services ,has written to both Beauvoisin and Argenteuil with a view to re-establishing links with those areas and will report back to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (c) note that to date no formal response has been received from the President of Gdynia in relation to the proposed friendship agreement between the City of Gdynia and West Dunbartonshire;
- (d) note the latest communication from Letterkenny Municipal District expressing the desire to develop the friendship agreement further and request the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services to send the Committee's best wishes to the newly appointed Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Letterkenny; and
- (e) agree that a sum of up to a maximum of £5000 be allocated from the Cultural budget to meet the costs of any expenditure incurred in developing international relationships this financial year.

3. Background

- 3.1** At the last meeting of the Cultural Committee in April 2019, it was reported that the Local Government Elections in Ireland would be held in May 2019 and thereafter further discussions would take place with representatives from Letterkenny Municipal District to develop the Friendship Agreement.

- 3.2** The first meeting of new newly formed Letterkenny Municipal District was held on 14 June 2019 at which Cllr. John O'Donnell was elected as Mayor of the Letterkenny Municipal District for the year ahead, with Cllr. Kevin Bradley elected Deputy Mayor. While there was no other formal business transacted on the day, elected members did reinforce their desire to continue with the Friendship Agreement with this Council and expressed their desire to see the arrangements develop further in the year ahead.
- 3.3** Following the special meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 17 January 2019, contact was made with the President of Gdynia in connection with a proposed friendship agreement. To date no response has been received from the City of Gdynia but the Polish Consul General in Edinburgh has offered to contact Gdynia on this Council's behalf.
- 3.4** Following the last meeting of the Cultural Committee in April 2019, letters were sent to Beauvoisin and Argenteuil re-affirming the Committee's wish to re-establish links with both areas of France. At the time of writing this report no response has been received from either party but the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services will provide a verbal update if any response is received before the Committee meets.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** As reported above, work is ongoing to establish new friendship links and re-establish existing links with the Council's international partners. It is anticipated that on occasion representatives from this Council will need to travel abroad to progress these agreements and that the Council may need to provide accommodation, hospitality, etc., for any international guests invited to West Dunbartonshire. It is therefore recommended that a sum of up to £5000 be allocated from the Cultural Services budget for this purpose.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no staff implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1** As stated in paragraph 4.1, there will be costs involved in developing the Council's links with its international partners. In 2011/12, the budget for Town Twinning was £4930. It is therefore prudent that a sum of up to £5000 be allocated from the Cultural budget this financial year to meet these costs as and when they arise.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There are no significant risks arising from the recommendations of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** There are no impacts on any equality groups arising from the recommendations of this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Officers from Legal and Finance Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** The development of town twinning activity could have some real educational and cultural benefits for those citizens who participate in such events and the promotion of West Dunbartonshire through these twinning or friendship links could potentially generate some economic benefit to area through increased tourism.

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Appendices: None.

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: None.