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**REPORT TO:** Members' Library Service

**MEETING DATE:**

**BY:** Executive Director (Support Services)

**SUBJECT:** Twinning Visit to Pardubice, Czech Republic  
12th -14th October 2012

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Library Report is to advise on arrangements for an official twinning visit to Pardubice, Czech Republic from Friday 12th October – Sunday 14th October.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the committee notes and approves the above visit.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 A relationship between East Lothian and Pardubice (twinned with Rosignano Marittimo, Musselburgh's twin town) was established during previous 3-way visits and was further developed in June 2006. Since then, the link has been further developed with a number of visits from both sides including teacher and cultural exchanges and local government official study visits.
- 3.2 An invitation has been received by the Provost from The Mayor of Pardubice inviting two guests to represent East Lothian Council at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Velká Pardubická Steeplechase, one of the major sporting events in Europe. The visit will also include representation at the well known motorcycle annual speedway event - Golden Helmet.
- 3.3 Provost Ludovic Broun Lindsay and Alex McCrorie, Executive Director of Support Services will be representing East Lothian Council at this event. The Racecourse in Pardubice is run by the Council as a subsidiary company so has many similarities to how the Council runs Musselburgh Racecourse. Representation at the event would be a great opportunity to continue existing links and open discussions to any new potential projects.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 This report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Financial – the cost of return flights will be £573.86 Accommodation costs will be met by the Pardubice local authority.

6.1 Personnel - none

6.2 Other – none

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Official letter of invitation.

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