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**REPORT TO:** Members' Library Service

**DATE:**

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

**SUBJECT:** Twinning Association Grant Allocation 2013/2014

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To approve East Lothian Twinning Associations' grant allocation for 2013/2014.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve and note the grant allocation.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 As part of Economic Development's remit for Twinning, assistance is provided to each of East Lothian's Twinning Associations. There are currently four very active Twinning Associations; namely, Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh and Preston, Seton & Gosford. North Berwick has been unable to re-form an Association to pursue a new twinning link.
- 3.2 Twinning Associations' roles are to establish and maintain friendly relations with their counterparts, and through that friendship, pursue the promotion of cultural, educational, social, economic, tourist, youth and sporting exchanges in the interests of the inhabitants of their communities.
- 3.3 Each Twinning Association is asked to provide a breakdown of all twinning projects, incoming and outgoing visits planned for 2013/2014, which informs the decision on the amount of funding the Association will receive for the forthcoming financial year.

- 3.4 Based on the information provided, all Associations will have twinning activity during 2013/2014. Therefore, in consultation with the Spokesperson for Economic Development & Tourism, it is proposed to offer each Association the same amount of grant of £750. In addition to the yearly grant, each Association receives a one-off grant of £250 to cover administration costs.
- 3.5 The grant awarded must be reflected within each Association's yearly Annual Report and Accounts and a copy of these must be submitted to Economic Development for their records.
- 3.6 Each Association can still apply for grants under the discretionary grant scheme under circumstances whereby the one-off grant is exhausted or otherwise committed.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Opportunity to strengthen twinning activities.

#### **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** - A breakdown of the total grants to be awarded is provided below:-

<b>Twinning Association</b>	<b>Yearly Grant</b>	<b>Project Grant</b>	<b>Total</b>
Haddington	£750	£250	£1,000
Musselburgh	£750	£250	£1,000
Dunbar	£750	£250	£1,000
Preston, Seton, Gosford	£750	£250	£1,000

- 6.2 **Personnel** - None

- 6.3 **Other** - None

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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