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REPORT TO: Member's Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Head of Development

SUBJECT: Group Visit from Pardubice, Czech Republic
4th – 8th September 2014

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Members of a reciprocal visit from the City of Pardubice, Czech Republic from Thursday 4th September – Sunday 8th September 2014.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note and approve 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 continued to develop with a number of visits from both sides including teacher and cultural exchanges and local government official study visits.
- 3.2 In April 2013, a group of runners were invited from East Lothian to participate in the Pardubice Winery Half Marathon which takes place annually. Five runners were selected from each of the local running clubs and the cost of hosting the group was met by the Municipality of Pardubice.
- 3.3 As a result of this successful visit, a reciprocal invitation was extended to a group of runners from Pardubice to participate in the Scottish Half Marathon on 6 September as part of this year's Homecoming 2014 celebrations. Six runners have confirmed their participation in the event and will be accompanied by Tomas Cabrnoh a member of the Municipality's External Relations Department.

- 3.4 The Scottish Marathon organisers have offered the group complimentary spaces into the event. East Lothian Council will market the event through press releases in the local papers.
- 3.5 In addition to participating in the marathon, a programme has been devised to include visits to some of East Lothian's visitor attractions and attendance at social events organised by the local running clubs. There will also be an opportunity to meet with elected members and senior officials to 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 hotel accommodation is £1,500, there will be additional costs for meals and transport and some of these costs will be met by the local running club funds.
- 6.2 Personnel - the group will be accompanied during their stay by volunteers from the local running clubs.
- 6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Letter of invitation.

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Dear Mayor Fraňková

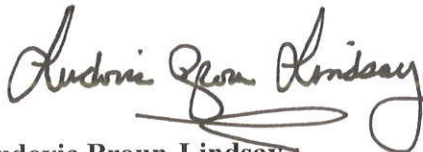
Homecoming Scotland 2014: Scottish Half Marathon

I write to invite six runners from the City of Pardubice to take part in the Scottish Half Marathon on Saturday 6th September 2014. The marathon is the newest event in the running calendar and part of this year's Homecoming 2014 celebrations.

The suggested dates to come to East Lothian would be Thursday 4th September – Sunday 7th September, or the runners may wish to stay until Monday 8th September. East Lothian Council will cover the cost of food and accommodation and devise a programme accordingly.

I would be grateful if you could confirm participation and length of stay, by **Friday 20th June 2014**. Please contact Kirsty Preston at kpreston@eastlothian.gov.uk or telephone 01875 824011. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Ludovic Broun-Lindsay
Provost