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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Depute Chief Executive – Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Twinning Visit to Pardubice, Czech Republic
10th – 13th October 2014

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Members of a twinning visit to the City of Pardubice, Czech Republic from 10th -12th October 2014.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note 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 An invitation has been received by the Provost from The Mayor of Pardubice inviting two guests to represent East Lothian Council at the 124th Velká Pardubická Steeplechase, one of the major sporting and cultural events in Europe.
- 3.3 Deputy Provost Jim Gillies and Douglas Proudfoot, Acting Head of Development 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 and previous visits to this event have continued links between both racecourses. There will also be the opportunity to discuss future co-operation projects.

3.4 In conjunction with this event, the Pardubice beekeepers host their annual 'Days of Honey' event where around 5000 honey lovers from the Czech Republic and other European countries participate in this event. An invitation has been extended to local producer, Hoods Honey, who will represent East Lothian at this 2 day programme of events which includes workshops, lectures and presentations on bee products from each region.

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 flights to attend both events will be £616.40. All other costs will be met by the Municipality of Pardubice.

6.2 Personnel - none

6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Official letter of invitation to the 124th Velka Pardubicka Steeplechase

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Date: 23.07.2014

Invitation to Velka Pardubicka Steeplechase

Dear Mr. Provost,

On October 12, 2014 Pardubice is hosting the 124th Velka Pardubicka Steeplechase which is considered to be one of the most difficult races in Europe. Besides its sporting significance, Velka Pardubicka is also a spectacular social and cultural event.

It is my pleasure to invite two representatives of your city to be my guests in the City Box.

Suggested arrival date is October 11 and departure date October 13. I will be very delighted if you accept my invitation and we will have a chance to share the excitement of this great event. Please, be so kind and confirm your participation before September 8th. Due to the fact that large attendance is expected this year, we would appreciate it if you could write us the names of the visitors in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Štěpánka Fraňková
Mayor of Pardubice

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