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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Depute Chief Executive, Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Fêtes Franco Ecossaise - Aubigny sur Nère, France – 14th - 16th July 2017

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise on arrangements for an official twinning visit to Fêtes Franco Ecossais, Aubigny sur Nère, France on 14 to 16 July 2017.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the above visit.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The link between Haddington and Aubigny has been in place since 1965 and a wide range of activities take place between the residents of both areas such as the co-operation between both pipe bands, school exchanges and civic visits.

3.2 An invitation has been received from the Mayor, Madame Laurence Renier, inviting the Provost to the event which will feature a combination of music, dancers, parades, highland games and traditional markets.

4 PROPOSAL

4.1 This visit will build on previous visits and experience. This alliance has existed since 1965 and this visit will re-enforce and provide the opportunity for positive new links between the rural communities.

4.4 Many French people will be unaware of what East Lothian has to offer and this visit provides an opportunity to promote the county as a tourist destination for visitors.

4.5 The Provost has been invited and will be representing East Lothian Council at this event as Provost and Spokesperson for Economic Development and Tourism. Attending the event would be a great opportunity to continue existing links and open discussions to any new potential projects.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report is not directly applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial – the cost of return flights for the Provost from Edinburgh to Paris is £216.33. Accommodation and subsistence costs will be met by the French local authority.

7.2 Personnel – None

7.3 Other – None

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Official letter of invitation.

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