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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE: February 2021

BY: Executive Director for Place

SUBJECT: Twinning Association Grant Allocation 2020/21

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To note East Lothian Twinning Associations' grant allocation for 2020/2021.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are recommended to note the grant allocation.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the service's remit for twinning, ongoing financial assistance is provided to each of East Lothian's Twinning Associations in Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh and the Preston Seton Gosford cluster. The Preston Seton Gosford Association is currently without a committee and will be exempt from receiving any funding until a committee is reformed.
- 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 activities which informs the decision on the amount of funding they will receive. This information was provided in March, however, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, any funding support was put on hold.
- 3.4 It is important that the council and the twinning associations continue and maintain these important twinning links. It is therefore proposed to award each association a grant of £750. This support will provide an opportunity

for the associations to engage in virtual meetings and events to develop activities going forward and boost spirits with our overseas counterparts.

- 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 for council records.
- 3.6 Each Association can still apply for a discretionary grant under exceptional circumstances whereby the one-off grant is exhausted or otherwise committed.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Opportunity to continue and 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 - the grants will be met from the service's Twinning budget allocation.
- 6.2 Personnel - none.
- 6.3 Other - none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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