Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

GRANT AID – BROXTOWE TWINNING ASSOCIATION 2019/20

1. Purpose of report

    To consider a request for grant aid towards a twinning visit from Gütersloh as arranged by the Broxtowe Twinning Association for August 2019.

2. Background

    The Council's Constitution stipulates that it is a duty of this Committee to make grants to individuals and bodies, including those undertaking twinning visits and exchanges, in accordance with the Council's approved policy.

    The Borough of Broxtowe has an open-ended twinning and friendship agreement with Gutersloh since its inception in 1978.

    The Broxtowe Twinning Association recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, having begun as a table tennis club in 1978. Every year the respective groups meet up for a few days in Germany and England - alternating each year. In 2018, the visit to Gütersloh included a walking tour; visit to Dusseldorf Parliament; civic reception; music in the park; family meals and gatherings; and ended with a final night party and presentation evening.

    Plans are well underway for the visit of German friends to Broxtowe in 2019 and the Broxtowe Twinning Association will be hosting around 20 guests from Gutersloh in August 2019. The group has requested a grant of £500 to support this visit, including the costs of days-out.

3. Financial implications

    The Council has previously supported a number of twinning visits organised by sports clubs and groups within Broxtowe. The criteria provides for grant aid for twinning activities at a rate of between £20 to £40 per adult and £30 to £60 per child. The grant requested at £500 would be within the permitted range.

    No specific twinning budget currently exists with previous visits having been met from general provisions. The proposed award could be met from the grant aid budget, of which £45,650 remains available subject to awards made elsewhere on this agenda.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers
Nil