

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE – 14 JANUARY 2002**

REPORT ON: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK OPPORTUNITIES

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND
DEVELOPMENT**

REPORT NO: 20-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report seeks Committee approval for financial support to develop 3 international youth work opportunities involving links with Wurzburg and Caen during the period May 2002 to the summer of 2003.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve:

- 2.1 participation in the international youth work opportunities outlined in para 6.
- 2.2 the award of grant aid as outlined in para 6.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant aid outlined in this Report will be met from Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department's International Youth Exchange Fund Budget (£3,500 2002/2003 and £2,500 2003/2004).

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The content of the Caen Conference addresses issues of environment.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The opportunities will be open to all young people and will contribute to international awareness of different cultures and key youth issues.

6.0 PROPOSALS

6.1 In 2000 a group of young people from Dundee with worker support participated in a multi-national conference in Wurzburg involving the majority of Wurzburg's twinning links. The City has been invited to participate in a follow up event on a similar format in Caen, France in August 2002.

A number of youth groups have expressed interest in this opportunity and support workers have been identified to assist with preparations, group support and fundraising activities.

It is anticipated that the Dundee group will request financial assistance in the financial year 2002/2003.

- 6.2 In June 2001 the Department hosted a party of youth workers from Wurzburg with the purpose of strengthening twinning links between youth groups. This visit was extremely successful and our Wurzburg colleagues have invited the Department and the voluntary youth sector to participate in a return study visit in May 2002. A group of 12 voluntary and local authority youth workers is now meeting to plan this visit. Assistance of £1,000 to assist with travel, accommodation and associated costs has been requested from the Department's 2002-2003 Revenue Budget.
- 6.3 Building on the Wurzburg and Caen experiences the Department wishes to develop an international youth conference opportunity involving the City's current twinning partners and existing commonwealth exchange links.

It is proposed that we sponsor an international youth conference in 2003 involving up to approximately 50 young people from the above locations.

It is anticipated that this event will attract international exchange grant assistance but will require core support funding from the City Council of £5,000 (£2,500 2002/2003 and £2,500 2003/2004) to assist with programme, planning and accommodation costs.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The opportunities outlined above will raise the City's profile in youth twinning activities and offer young people access to increased international exchange experiences.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Directors of Finance and Support Services have been consulted on the content of this report.

The relevant Twinning Support Groups have been approached and are happy to offer support and expertise.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development:.....

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