

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee****24 June 2015****PROPOSED TWINNING VISIT TO ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY – JUNE 2016****Report by Gillian Taylor, Head of Democratic Services****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report advises of an invitation extended to the Provost and a Council delegation to visit Aschaffenburg from 25 to 28 June 2016, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the twinning arrangements between Perth and Aschaffenburg, Germany.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Perth's twinning link with Aschaffenburg, Germany dates back to 1956.
- 1.2 Klaus Herzog, the Oberbürgermeister of Aschaffenburg, has extended an invitation to the Provost and an official delegation to visit Aschaffenburg from 25 to 28 June 2016 to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the twinning arrangements between Perth and Aschaffenburg.
- 1.3 The twinning link is very active with numerous reciprocal visits taking place each year between the Friends Organisations in Perth and Kinross and Aschaffenburg.
- 1.4 It is envisaged that in 2016 there will be increased activity throughout the year marking the 60th anniversary of the twinning link.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is proposed to accept the invitation to visit Aschaffenburg, Germany from 25 to 28 June 2016, with the Council being represented by the Provost; Councillor Pover in his role as the Councillor appointed to the Friends of Aschaffenburg Management Committee and the Chief Executive; supported by the Council Officer.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Perth – Aschaffenburg twinning link continues to be very active, with reciprocal visits taking place each year. Accepting the invitation to visit Aschaffenburg demonstrates the depth of the twinning relationship that has developed over the last 60 years and our commitment to sustaining the twinning relationship through the younger generation of both Perth and Aschaffenburg.

3.2 It is recommended that the Provost's Sub-Committee:

- i. agrees that the invitation to the Provost and a delegation to visit Aschaffenburg, Germany from 25 to 28 June 2016 be accepted;
- ii. agrees that the Council is represented by the Provost; the Councillor appointed to the Friends of Aschaffenburg Management Committee; the Chief Executive; supported by the Council Officer.

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ANNEX

1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	No
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	No
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

1.1 Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

The draft Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-2023 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

1.2 Corporate Plan

Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2013-2018 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

2. Resource Implications - Financial

2.1 The Oberbürgermeister has indicated that Aschaffenburg will meet the costs of accommodation during the twinning visit for the official Council delegation.

2.2 The Chief Executive will travel to Aschaffenburg as part of the official Council delegation, and will meet the cost of her air travel.

2.3 The Civic costs associated with the visit are anticipated to be :

Flights for Provost, Councillor and Council Officer	£ 810
Airport transfers	£ 80
Civic Gifts	<u>£ 400</u>
Total Civic costs	<u>£1290</u>

2.4 This sum will be met from the 2016/2017 twinning budget, subject to budget availability.

2.5 The Head of Finance has been consulted on the financial implications for the proposals and has indicated his agreement.

3. Consultation

3.1 Internal

The Provost and the Chief Executive have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

4.1 Letter of invitation from the Oberbürgermeister of Aschaffenburg, Germany.