

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee****28 March 2018****PROPOSED TWINNING VISIT TO ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY – JUNE 2018****Report by 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 Thursday 28 June to Monday 2 July 2018, to participate in the opening ceremony of the 31st Aschaffenburg Culture Festival.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Perth's twinning link with Aschaffenburg, Germany dates back to 1956 and is extremely active.
- 1.2 Klaus Herzog, the Oberbürgermeister of Aschaffenburg, has extended an invitation to the Provost and an official delegation to visit Aschaffenburg from Thursday 28 June to Monday 2 July 2018 to attend the opening ceremony of the 31st Aschaffenburg Culture Festival.
- 1.3 The invitation includes a request for a small group of musicians to take part in the opening ceremony and in the cultural events. The Oberbürgermeister has indicated that Aschaffenburg will contribute towards the expenses of the group and will meet the cost of their accommodation.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is proposed to accept the invitation to visit Aschaffenburg, Germany from Thursday 28 June to Monday 2 July 2018, with the Council being represented by the Provost and the Chief Executive; supported by the Council Officer.
- 2.2 It is proposed that a trio of young musicians performing a mix of song, including Gaelic, and traditional instrumental music, accompany the Provost and Chief Executive.

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 62 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 visit Aschaffenburg, Germany from Thursday 28 June to Monday 2 July 2018 be accepted;
- (ii) agrees that the Council is represented by the Provost and the Chief Executive; supported by the Council Officer.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 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.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 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 and Council Officer	£ 582
Airport transfers	£ 50
Civic Gifts	<u>£ 100</u>
Total Civic costs	<u>£ 732</u>

2.4 This sum will be met from the 2018/2019 twinning budget.

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

3. Consultation

Internal

3.1 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.