

Appointment of Members in Accordance with the Scheme of Administration – Midlothian Twinning Association**Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director Place****Report for Decision****1 Recommendation**

The Council is invited to consider the appointment of an additional named member to the Midlothian Twinning Association Committee.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

In accordance with Standing Order 4.1 (x) consideration requires to be given by Council to the appointment of representatives to Joint Committees, Outside Bodies and other partnership working.

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Midlothian Twinning Association is an outside organisation consisting of volunteers with an interest in establishing and maintaining links in Europe.

The former Midlothian District Council had twinning arrangements in place with Kreis Heinsberg in Germany and Komarom- Esztergom in Hungary. Dalkeith in Midlothian has been twinned with the town of Jarnac in Charente, France since 1960 with other towns/villages twinned with towns in France. Twinning has continued following the formation of Midlothian Council in 1996

At its meeting of 24 May 2022, Council approved the appointment of Councillor Debbie McCall, Provost; Councillor Peter Smaill and Councillor Margo Russell to the Midlothian Twinning Association.

Four places are available to the Council on the Midlothian Twinning Association and following an approach by office-bearers of the Association this report requests Council to consider the appointment of a named additional member for the available remaining place.

4. Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

None

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications related to this report.

4.3 Risk

In accordance with Standing Order 4.1(x), this report invites the Council to appoint Members to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies etc.

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

An equalities impact assessment has not been required in connection with this report as there are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

4.5 Additional Report Implications

See Appendix A

Appendix A - Additional Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- Hub and Spoke
- Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement
- One size fits one
- None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- One Council Working with you, for you
- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious
- None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

There are no direct implications related to this report.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The report does not directly relate to involving communities.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting a Sustainable Development

Not applicable