
TWINNING VISIT TO KORCULA

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed arrangements for the twinning visit to Korcula.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree the terms of the report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Executive agreed at its meeting on 20 November 2008 to refer the Provost's Office the invitation from the Croatian Government to re-establish the twinning link between Bute and Korcula which was established by Sir Fitzroy Maclean due to his service to the people of Croatia after the second world war.
- 3.2 The Executive agreed to refer to the Provost to consider the arrangements for such a visit.
- 3.3 After consultation with the Provost it has been proposed that the following arrangements should apply.
- 3.4 The Council should send a delegation with the intent of discussing how formal twinning links can be re-established and that this delegation be comprised of

Councillor Isobel Strong, the Depute Provost

Councillor Bruce Marshall, the Chair of the Bute & Cowal Area Committee.

- 3.5 It is proposed that they should be accompanied by an officer who would provide administrative support to the discussions with the Korcula authorities around how the twinning links might be re-established to the benefit of both the communities in Croatia and Argyll and Bute.
- 3.6 There would therefore be costs incurred in terms of the travel for the delegation.
- 3.7 The delegation would report back to a future meeting of the Executive on the outcome of their meeting on the agreements reached in terms of re-invigorating the Twinning arrangements. Members will recollect that the President of Croatia had expressed an interest in seeing these relations re-established and it would therefore seem of considerable significance to Croatia that these links with Argyll and Bute are re-established and therefore the Council should be minded to participate actively in re-establishing close contact with the community of Korcula.
- 3.8 It has been suggested that the Council might wish to extend an invitation to Sir Charles MacLean (Sir Fitzroy's Son) to be part of the Council's party in meeting with the Korcula representatives if he were minded to be travelling to Korcula at this time. It does seem to be an excellent suggestion and the question for the Executive would be whether they would wish to invite Sir Charles to attend with the Council delegation.

4. **IMPLICATIONS**

Policy	The Council has a long established twinning link with Korcula it would seem in the Council's best interest to seek to re-invigorate this relationship.
Legal	None
Personnel	None
Financial	The costs of travel to Korcula.

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