
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Committee

Legal and Regulatory Support

13 June 2022

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HELENSBURGH AND
DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A request for financial assistance from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Twinning Budget 2023/24 has been received from the Helensburgh and District Twinning Association which will assist with the costs of a visit to Thouars in July 2023 and with costs for a visit from residents of Thouars to Helensburgh scheduled to take place in 2025.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to agree to grant the sum of £833 from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Twinning Budget for 2023/24 to Helensburgh and District Twinning Association.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Helensburgh . Thouars Twinning Association was set up in 1983 with Dumbarton District Council to link the town of Thouars, France with Helensburgh. The Twinning Agreement was re-signed with Argyll and Bute Council in 1999.
- 4.2 The Argyll and Bute Council budget available for the Helensburgh and Lomond area for 2023/24 is £833 to financially support twinning initiatives.
- 4.3 The twinning between Helensburgh and Thouars has proven to be successful with visits between the two towns, which has assisted French and Scottish young people with work experience in another country and is of great benefit to those who are learning languages.
- 4.4 The Association promotes the twinning links locally, with an increasing number of young people and young families participating in the twinning links.

Thouars delegation will be held in 2025. Funding awarded last year by the Area Committee will be utilised for this and fundraising will continue