

Swindon Salzgitter Town Twinning 40th Anniversary Arrangements

Town Twinning Network

Date: 2 April 2014

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To consider arrangements to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Swindon/Salzgitter Town Twinning.

2. Recommendations

The Town Twinning Network is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the report and support the arrangements to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Swindon/Salzgitter Town Twinning.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Town Twinning Network, at their meeting on 4 December 2013, was informed that the Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association would be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2015. It was agreed at that meeting that the Council should consider planning an event to commemorate the Anniversary of the twinning link. This report details initial thoughts about possible options to commemorate the Anniversary and seeks further consideration about likely events.
- 3.2 The Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association was set up in 1975 with the principle aim of furthering and expanding the knowledge of culture, education, industrial and political interests between the two towns. Visits to Salzgitter are arranged every other year and in between visits are arranged to Swindon.
- 3.3 Initial contact has been made with a number of the Heads of Service Areas including Leisure, Libraries, Traded Services and Culture, Communications and Facilities Management about the possible options open to the Council to help with the celebrations.
- 3.4 Swindon Museum and Art Gallery hold a small amount of material relating to Salzgitter including a book, tourist and public service leaflets and a shopping bag. There is also some material held in the Civic Offices, mainly in Committee Room 5 and the Mayor's Parlour. Potentially there is enough material to create a mini display at the Central Library and the Civic Offices. The Head of Communications and Insight has indicated that he would be happy to support the

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publicity of any event through the usual communication channels.

- 3.5 Funding any event is a potential issue as resources are scarce. However, a funding application for an event could be made depending on the activity. For example, if it was an arts based activity it could be possible to make an Arts Grant application to the Arts Council.
- 3.6 The Town Twinning Network is asked to consider the above options along with any additional suggestions and ideas, especially from the Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association, that would contribute towards making the 40th Anniversary commemorations a success.
- 3.7 Further discussions would be needed within the Council and with the Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association to agree a programme of events to mark the Anniversary, with regular update reports to the Town Twinning Network on the progress being made.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications relating to this update. Any future activity that has financial implications would be subject to a separate report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 This report has no specific implications relating to staff, sustainability, health, rural, crime and disorder.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 There are no specific links between Town Twinning and One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report.
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Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Stuart Figini, Direct Dial 463612, sfigini@swindon.gov.uk.

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Risk Management

5.6 A risk assessment has not been undertaken.

6. Consultees

6.1 The Board Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None