

# Reports from the Town Twinning Associations and Links

Town Twinning Network

Date: 21 September 2011

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**Wards Affected:** All

## **Purpose**

To provide verbal reports updating members of the Town Twinning Network on the activities of the following Town Twinning Associations and Links since the last meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011:

- Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association (see attached Journal of the visit by Salzgitter to Swindon 15 to 22 June 2011)
- Swindon Ocotal Link
- Swindon Torun Link
- Wroughton-St Germain les Corbeil Twinning Association
- Highworth-Pontorson Twinning Association
- Chattanooga, USA
- Other Twins/Links present at the meeting

## **Recommendation**

The Town Twinning Network is asked to: -

- Note the activities of the Twinning Associations and Links.

## **1. Reasons**

- 1.1 To keep the Town Twinning Network informed of the activities of the Town Twins and Links within Swindon and its surrounding areas and to provide a forum for these groups to exchange information and area of good practice.

## **2. Detail**

- 2.1 The Town Twinning Network seeks to promote co-ordination and co-operation in the development of Twinning Links and in the development of other International friendship links between the people of Swindon and communities in other Countries.
- 2.2 The Town Twinning Network meets four times a year in order to encourage the development of International friendship links and commercial links between the people of Swindon and communities in other Countries by the provision of a forum for discussion and the exchange of information.
- 2.3 Each of the Town Twins and Links will give a verbal update at the meeting on the activities that have been undertaken since the last Town Twinning Network meeting.

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## Alternative Options

- Not applicable

## Risk Management

### *Financial and Procurement Implications*

- 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 / Human Rights Implications*

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

### *Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)*

- The Council is committed to the regeneration of the Town Centre and will seek to maximise existing investment and attract further inward investment into the Town. Town Twinning activities will contribute to this.

## Consultees

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

## Background Papers and Appendices

- None