

To: The Chair and Members of  
the Town Twinning Network

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006

By: Director of Law and  
Democratic Services

Parish/Ward: All

## **Reports from the Town Twinning Associations and Links**

### **1 Purpose**

1.1 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006:

- Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association
- Swindon Ocotal Link
- Swindon Torun Link
- La Garenne Link
- Highworth-Pontorson Twinning Association
- Other Twins/Links present at this meeting

### **2 Recommendations**

2.1 That members of the Town Twinning Network note the activities of the Twinning Associations and Links.

### **3 Financial and Procurement Implications**

3.1 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.

### **4 Social, Environmental, Staffing, Legal/Human Rights, Risk and Other Implications**

4.1 Social Implications – This report has no direct social implications. It is anticipated that any activity will strengthen links between Swindon and its twin towns and widen the horizons of the individuals and groups involved in twinning activities

- 4.2 Environmental Implications – There are no environmental implications arising from this report
- 4.3 Staffing Implications – There are no staffing implications arising from this report
- 4.4 Legal/Human Rights Implications – This report has no specific legal or human rights implications
- 4.5 All other Risk Implications – None
- 4.6 Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010) – The Council is committed to developing and promoting a strong local image and “pride of place” for all (objective 4 – an economically prosperous place).

## **5 Detail**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Town Twinning Network meets five 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.
- 5.3 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.

## **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 None

## **7 Date**

- 7.1 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006

The Director of Finance and Director of Law and Democratic Services are consulted on all reports.

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The Lead Member for the service area subject to this report is Councillor Mike Bawden, Leader of the Council.