
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2002**

31,900
at month.

EX.246/02 TOWN TWINNING FINANCIAL POLICY OPTIONS (Key Decision)

Portfolio Community Activities

Subject Matter

To consider a report from the City Solicitor and Secretary (TC.142/02) setting out details of a revised town twinning programme for 2003/04 to meet the Council's budget savings requirement of achieving a £10,000 reduction in the town twinning budget.

It was proposed that the £10,000 reduction be taken from the directly controlled element of the supplies and services part of the town twinning budget. The revised budget would be £21,900 per annum which, together with a 3% uplift for inflation, would provide a new 3 year budget total requirement of £67,690. Details of a proposed twinning programme for the next three years was submitted and which required funding of £68,896. The projected overspend could be addressed by effectively reducing the youth exchange budget by £1,205 over the three year period or by imposing a charge/ requesting extra fund raising from the youth exchange participants.

The City Solicitor and Secretary pointed out that the funding reduction would adversely affect the City Council's ability to provide financial support to community groups or new twinning initiatives our partners may wish to pursue. He indicated that at the forthcoming meeting of the twinning partners, discussions would take place on how the twinning function should be delivered in the future with the community playing a more active role being an option under discussion.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

That the following recommendations be agreed as part of the Executive's Budget proposals for 2003/04:-

1. That the revised programme and budget allocation for town twinning activities as set out in Paragraph 5 of Report TC.142/02, achieving a saving of £10,000 on the total town twinning budget for 2003/04, be approved.
2. That the implications of the reduction in the budget allocation be noted.

Reasons for Decision

To agree a revised programme and budget allocation for town twinning to meet the Executive's budgetary saving requirements.