

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL****Provost's Sub Committee – 4 February 2009****PROPOSED TWINNING VISIT TO ASCHAFFENBURG – JULY 2009****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report relates to an invitation extended to the Council for the Provost and a delegation to visit Aschaffenburg during the European Culture Days on the weekend of 3 – 5 July 2009.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that:

- (i) The invitation to visit Aschaffenburg in July 2009 be accepted and
- (ii) The Council be represented by the Provost and one other Councillor, supported by the Council Officer on the visit to Aschaffenburg in July 2009 .

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Perth & Kinross Council's twinning link with Aschaffenburg in Bavaria, Germany dates back to 1956. This award winning twinning has been very successful and in 2006 its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated, when a reaffirmation charter was signed by Former Provost Scott and Oberbürgermeister Klaus Herzog.

**3. INVITATION TO VISIT ASCHAFFENBURG IN JULY 2009**

- 3.1 The Provost and Lady Provost have been invited to travel to Aschaffenburg in July 2009 to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Aschaffenburg Culture Days.
- 3.2 A festival is being organised with the theme "European Days of Music".
- 3.3 Perthshire Brass has also been invited to take part in the festival and they have accepted this invitation with great enthusiasm.

**4. PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 The visit will provide an opportunity for the Provost and the Oberbürgermeister to have further talks regarding the possible revival of the schools' exchange and also the participation of Aschaffenburg in Perth's 800 Anniversary in 2010. Provost Hulbert is also keen to progress exchanges between young people from businesses in Perth and Aschaffenburg.

- 4.2 To continue Perth & Kinross Council's support for its oldest twinning, it is important that both Civic Leaders meet to discuss the way forward for the link. Therefore, it is proposed that the Provost and one other Councillor, supported by the Council Officer, accept the invitation to visit the festival in Aschaffenburg in July.

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted on this report.

## 6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The cost per head to travel between Edinburgh and Frankfurt is £216.40. Once in Germany, travel to and from the airport, accommodation and meals will be borne by the hosts.

Spouses/partners will travel at their own expense.

Accordingly, it is estimated that the total costs associated with the visit would be as follows:

Flights and transfers of 3 Council representatives i.e. Provost, Councillor and Council Officer	£649.20
Civic Gifts	<u>£150.00</u>
Total	<u>£799.20</u>

Subject to the availability of resources, this sum will be met by the 2009/2010 twinning budget.

## 7. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2007-2010

The Council's Corporate Plan 2007-2010 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation.

The proposals in this report meet the following objectives.

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

## 8. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Assessment Framework and the determination was made that the items summarised in this report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing.

## 9. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).

The plan, programme or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the determination was made that the items summarised in this report do not require further action as they do not qualify as a plan, programme or strategy as defined by the Act.

## 10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Perth & Kinross – Aschaffenburg twinning link continues to be active. Accepting the invitation is deemed important in terms of demonstrating Perth & Kinross Council’s commitment to the link.

**GILLIAN TAYLOR**

Head of Democratic Services

**Note:** The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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OBERBÜRGERMEISTER

Aschaffenburg, 18. Dezember 2008

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Schottland

Einladung zu den Aschaffener Kulturtagen

Sehr geehrter Herr Provost HULBERT,

nächstes Jahr stehen die 10. Aschaffener Kulturtage unter dem Motto „Europa“. Am Wochenende vom 03. – 05 Juli 2009 findet innerhalb dieser Kulturtage im Schlosshof ein Festival unter dem Thema "Europatage der Musik" statt.

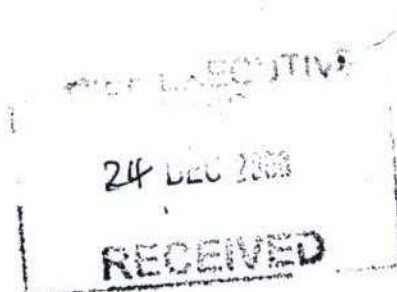
Für die Veranstaltung am Samstag, den 04. Juli ist auch jeweils eine Musik- oder Tanzgruppe aus unseren Partnerstädten eingeladen. Ich bin sehr erfreut, dass sich aus Perth bereits die Perthshire Brassband angekündigt hat.

Wie ich Ihnen bereits Anfang des Jahres geschrieben und bei Ihrem Besuch im Juni 2008 in Aschaffenburg erneut angekündigt habe, lade ich Sie herzlich zu dem europäischen Ereignis der Aschaffener Kulturtage ein. Das Festival „Europatage der Musik“ mit den auftretenden Gruppen aus den Partnerstädten am 04. Juli wäre eine wunderbare Gelegenheit, uns wieder zu sehen.

Über eine Zusage würde ich mich sehr freuen und verbleibe mit freundlichen Grüßen

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## Invitation to the Aschaffenburg Culture days

Dear Provost Hulbert,

next year the 10th Aschaffenburg Culture Days comes under the title 'Europe'. During these Culture Days, on the weekend of the 3rd - 5th July, there will be a festival with the theme 'European Days of Music'.

A music or dance group from our partner towns will be invited for the event on Saturday 4th July. I am delighted that this has already been announced to the Perthshire Brassband.

As I wrote already at the beginning of the year and had once more announced at your visit to Aschaffenburg in June 2008, I invite you cordially to the European event in the Aschaffenburg Culture days. The festival, 'European Days of Music', with the appearances from the partner towns, will be a wonderful opportunity for us to see each other again.

I would be delighted with an acceptance and wish you friendly greetings.