

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Provost's Sub Committee – 4 February 2009****INVITATION TO PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL TO BE
REPRESENTED AT THE BYDGOSZCZ
LITERACY TRIANGLE - MAY 2009.****Report by Head of Democratic Services****ABSTRACT**

This report relates to an invitation extended by the Deputy Mayor's Office in Bydgoszcz, Poland for Perth & Kinross Council to be represented at the Bydgoszcz Literacy Triangle from 11 – 14 May 2009.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Sub Committee approves the attendance of two delegates from Perth & Kinross at the Bydgoszcz Literacy Triangle in May 2009.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Perth & Kinross Council's twinning with Bydgoszcz is now in its eleventh year
- 2.2 The link continues to be active. The current Provost is endeavouring to assist with the widening of its development whereby groups and individuals from across a broad spectrum of the community in Perth & Kinross can become involved in the link.
- 2.3 The Friends of Bydgoszcz Association is also very committed to this twinning and has instigated a range of visits and exchanges.
- 2.4 In May 2008 the Mayor of Bydgoszcz and a small delegation came to Perth & Kinross for the first time since 1998.
- 2.5 Discussions were held to determine the way forward for the link and great enthusiasm was shown regarding the future of the twinning.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The Deputy Mayor of Bydgoszcz has invited delegates from Perth & Kinross to attend the Bydgoszcz Literacy Triangle in May 2009.
- 3.2 The invitation is specifically directed to writers or poets from Perth & Kinross to take part in what is to be the 7th cultural festival bringing together publishers, promoters and enthusiasts of Calliope music.

3.3 It is recommended that 2 local writers represent the council, and discussions are ongoing with potential attendees.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted on this report.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of a return flight and transfer between Edinburgh and Bydgoszcz is estimated to be in the order of £225.00 per person.

5.2 The cost of accommodation and meals will be borne by the City of Bydgoszcz.

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

6. 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

7. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

7.1 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.

8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

8.1 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.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The Perth & Kinross – Bydgoszcz twinning offers many opportunities for exchanges and new initiatives to take place in the future.
- 9.2 Representation from Perth & Kinross at this prestigious festival will demonstrate commitment to the link in the years ahead.

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Background: Letter from Deputy Mayor of Bydgoszcz

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DEPUTY MAYOR OF BYDGOSZCZ
Maciej Grześkowiak



Bydgoszcz, 19th of December 2008

Dear Mr. John Hulbert
Provost of the City of Perth,

I have a pleasure to invite a representative of poets or prosaists living in your fine city to participate in the 7th edition of the Bydgoszcz Literacy Triangle, a cultural festival gathering publishers, promoters and enthusiasts of the Calliope artists.

The Bydgoszcz Literacy Triangle will be held from the 11th of May (arrival) till the 14th of May 2009 (departure). The organizers cover the following type of costs: accommodation, meals and the fee/ artists honorary estimating 100 Euro. Participants are expected to finance travel to and from the city of Bydgoszcz. Those who intend to come to the festival should send the following information:

- biographical note, maximum half of page;
- 3 pages of the text written in the native language. The text delivered by each artist will be translated into Polish and presented to the festival audience;
- one picture.

All the above information should be forwarded to Mrs. Dagmara Wróblewska from the Bydgoszcz Municipal Centre of Culture, e-mail: dagmara@mok.bydgoszcz.pl or secretariat@mok.bydgoszcz.pl

Please, note that at one of the festival's evenings each artist will be kindly requested to read his or her text to the audience, while the local actor will be presenting a translated version. Moreover, the festival will create space for introducing the representatives of the local cultural institutions along with city sightseeing and the other city attractions.

I do hope you find my proposal interesting and worthy for further consideration.

I am looking forward to hearing you soon.

Sincerely,



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