

# **COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

## **Invitation from the Mayor of Lublin**

**20 February 2025**

### **Report of Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For the Committee to consider a request from the Mayor of Lublin to host a visit from the Mayor of Lancaster.

**This report is public.**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) The Committee notes that the Mayor of Lublin, Mr Krzysztof Żuk, has requested the Mayor of Lancaster to visit him.**
- (2) The Committee is asked to consider whether a visit is appropriate, to enable Democratic Support to respond to the Mayor of Lublin.**

#### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Mayor has received a letter from the Mayor of Lublin inviting her to his city to talk about the two city's future partnership and to get to know Lublin. The letter is attached.
- 1.2 It should be noted that the Mayor of Lublin is an elected, decision-making Mayor, not a ceremonial Mayor. He was first elected Mayor in 2010 and has been in place ever since, being re-elected several times. Obviously this is a very different role to our Ceremonial Mayor which is non-political, is appointed by the Council itself and has a one year term of office.

#### **2.0 Travel Abroad and Twinning Events**

- 2.1 Any trip abroad which the Mayor makes should be funded by the Council and tickets for travel would normally be booked by Democratic Support. There is an expectation, when an invitation is made, that the host country will provide the accommodation, so there will be no cost to the Council for that element of the trip.
- 2.2 Democratic Support has contacted the Mayor of Lublin to find out how long the visit would last and what dates are being suggested and it is hoped that this information can be provided to Committee members before or at the meeting. Lublin is, of course, twinned with Lancaster, and whilst the City Council ceased most twinning events some

years ago when the twinning budget was abolished, the Council continues to send the Mayor to the Youth Games each year if they wish to go.

- 2.3 The current Mayor was invited to the Youth Games in Rendsberg last year, however due to illness, was unable to attend and missed out on the trip. She is now feeling well enough to go to Lublin as Mayor, should the Committee think this is appropriate.
- 2.4 The cost of flights for the Mayor and Consort would be £115 each. The Mayor has her own annual travel insurance policy in place, and there would be no cost to the Council for this element of the trip.

### 3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider whether the Mayor should make an official visit to Lublin as per the invitation from the Mayor of Lublin.

<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
None identified.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
If the visit is approved, the cost of travel would be met from the existing budget for Civic and Mayoral events.	
<b>OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces</b>	
None identified.	
<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The S151 Officer has been consulted and has no comment.	
<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comment.	
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