

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES DECISION MEETING

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Hugh Mason, at his decision meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2013 at 9.00 am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Opposition Spokesperson Councillor David Horne (Labour) was also present.

Officers Present

Claire Looney, Partnership and Commissioning Manager
Peter Smith-Parkyn, Local Democracy Assistant

12 Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Donna Jones.

13 Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interests.

14 To agree in principle to an amount of money being granted in respect of Mayor Making (AI 3)

The Local Democracy Assistant provided information about the four delegations coming to the Mayor Making Ceremony. These delegations were from Caen in France, Duisburg in Germany, Maizuru in Japan and Portsmouth Rhode Island, USA.

He explained that the Lord Mayor has an allocation of money to support events during the year but that this had significantly reduced over the past few years and there was not enough money to cover all the events. As a result, a substantial cost element falls to the Resources portfolio.

The Partnership and Commissioning Manager advised that as hosts, we try to ensure that the visiting delegations work while they are here to promote the benefits of twinning arrangements.

The Local Democracy Assistant outlined the programmes that had been arranged for each of the visiting delegations. He advised that varying amounts of money had been requested for the different delegations depending on the funding they could access.

For the French delegation, £135 was being requested from the twinning budget ie from Resources portfolio.

For the Japanese delegation, the Lord Mayor's Office had agreed to pay 50% of the cost and Resources portfolio was being requested to pay 50% which amounts to £530.

For the German delegation, the Duisburg Committee had generously agreed to make up to £500 available and Resources portfolio was being requested to pay £200.

For the American Rhode Island delegation, Resources portfolio was being requested to pay £400.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources said that there would also be a need for a contingency fund and for gifts.

DECISION:

That

(1) for the French Delegation, the sum of £135 to be made available from the Twinning Budget

(2) for the Japanese Delegation, the sum of £530 to be made available from the Twinning Budget

(3) for the German Delegation,

(i) the sum of £200 to be made available from the Twinning Budget and

(ii) to note the generosity of the Duisburg Committee who have offered substantial funding to the German Delegation

(4) for the American Rhode Island Delegation, the sum of £400 to be made available from Resources Portfolio Budget

(5) for gifts, an amount not exceeding £100 to be made available from the Twinning Budget

(6) for contingency purposes, the sum of £300 to be made available from the Resources Portfolio Budget

15 Date of Next Meeting (AI 7)

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 July 2013.

The meeting concluded at 9.35am.

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Councillor Hugh Mason
Cabinet Member

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