



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
OVERSEAS LINKS WORKING PARTY

Held: 28 October 2004 at 12 noon.

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Johnson - Chair  
Councillor Garrity - Vice-Chair

Councillor Bhatti

Councillor Willmott

Co-opted Members (non-voting)

Peter Lee	City of Leicester European Twinning Association
Clare Plumb	Leicester Masaya Link Group
Liz Blackshaw	Leicester Masaya Link Group
Hitesh Tanna	Leicester Rajkot Twinning Association

Officers in Attendance

Sandra Rieger	International Development Officer
Andy Thomas	Head of Regeneration Policy
Alexandra Kowalczyk	Lord Mayor's Secretariat Manager
Rebecca Owen	Committee Administrator

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**16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business to be discussed, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them. No declarations of interest were made at this time.

**18. VISITS INVOLVING OVERSEAS CONTACTS**

The Service Director, Regeneration, submitted a report which informed members of visits involving overseas contacts in the last quarter, and of anticipated visits. The report set out the purpose of the visits, the costs and the outcomes. It was noted that details of all visits had been combined into one report due to the large number of visits arranged.

Attention was drawn to the Cycling Tour to Strasbourg, Freiburg, Basel and Bern noted in Appendix 2 and the intention to discuss Town Twinning, and concern was expressed that the City of Leicester Twinning Association had not been informed about this. It was agreed that the Cycling Officer be invited to the next meeting of the Working Party.

Councillor Willmott asked for confirmation about overseas visits, as he stated that at the last Energy Agency meeting it had been mentioned that officers were prohibited from travelling abroad. It was agreed that clarification on this be requested from Cabinet, but also suggested that it would be acceptable if the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Party approved the visit.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Cycling Office be invited to the next meeting of the Working Party;
- 2) That clarification be sought from Cabinet about officers making overseas visits.