





activity which can be carried out in advance of the visit in 2022.

- 4.6 After a very successful visit to Thouars in July 2019, the Association are now focussed on the trip from residents of Thouars to Helensburgh in 2022 which had originally been scheduled to take place in 2021 but was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Association propose to use the funds to cover some of the costs of excursions for those who are participating in the trip. The Association also hope to plan a trip to Thouars in 2023 to celebrate the Twinning Association's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A letter outlining the request and further details of the requirement for funding is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Twinning Association wishes to continue to promote links with Thouars and this would be assisted by the awarding of the grant to help with the costs of visits planned for 2022 and 2023.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy - Consistent with the Council's policy of supporting twinning links between Helensburgh and Thouars.
- 6.2 Financial – Utilises the Twinning Budget for Helensburgh and Lomond for 2021/22.
- 6.3 Legal - None
- 6.4 HR - None
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
- 6.5.1 Equalities – protected characteristics - None
- 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - None
- 6.5.3 Islands - None
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