

TC POLICY (T) 001

January 2019

Swaffham Town Council

TWINNING POLICY

Re-affirm their commitment to the spirit of a DECLARATION OF PARTNERSHIP ~~to be~~ signed in Couhé in September 2018 ~~and look forward to~~ at the first of the ~~next~~ three-way cycle of Civic visits to each town ~~Couhé in 2018~~, the other two are in Hemmoor in 2020 and Swaffham in 2022.

DECLARATION OF PARTNERSHIP Swaffham, Couhe and Hemmoor

The ties between the towns of Swaffham, Couhe and Hemmoor were formally recognised is a declaration signed by the Mayors of all three towns on 5th June 1968. The declaration envisaged that twinning would lead to friendships, exchanges and greater understanding amongst the peoples of the three communities.

After 50 successful years we intend to keep permanent links between the citizens of our towns, to further develop cultural exchanges, to keep working together in promoting peace and prosperity and to strengthen the bounds of European cooperation.

The agreement is signed by the Mayors or each Town and Presidents of each Twinning Association.

The Council clarify and confirm the commitment as follows:

- The Town Council expect the Twinning Association to take a lead with organising and funding the Civic visit and programme of events for 2022 in Swaffham
- The Mayor and/or a Council representative shall attend events associated with the Civic visit to Swaffham by invitation of the Twinning Association.
- The Town Council ~~will~~-funded the travel cost for the Mayor and/or a Council representative to the Civic visit~~s~~ to Couhe in 2018, and will do the same for Hemmoor in 2020.
- The Town Council will fund and host the Saturday morning Civic meeting between the three towns in Swaffham in 2022
- The Town Council will host liaison meetings between the Town Council and the Twinning Association at the Town Hall as appropriate.

Swaffham Town Council may review this policy once during a four-year term of the Council and again in the year following the Civic visit to Swaffham in 2022. In general, the Town Council shall endeavour to promote and educate through modern technology, integrate twinning as part of community development to improve well-being, maintain the twinning memorabilia display at the Town Hall as part of Swaffham Museum, record historical data and support the Twinning Association in their efforts to preserve and enhance the links between the three towns, embracing and using social media as a means of communication, to move forward as a three-way partnership.

~~April 2017~~ January 2019

N.B. Policy review only necessary because of the signing of the declaration in September 2018.