

REPORT TO: POLICY COMMITTEE ON 30 APRIL 2008

SUBJECT: INVITATION FROM THE COUNTY OF KRONACH

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Policy Committee of an invitation received from the Convener of Kronach Landkreis.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section A(31) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to making arrangements for ceremonial matters and hospitality.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to consider the invitation received from the Convener of Kronach Landkreis and consider how many Members should attend.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Moray is twinned with the County of Kronach in Northern Bavaria.
- 3.2 The Convener of Kronach, Herr Marr and 4 representatives from Kronach Council visited Moray in August 2005 and early 2007 and during the latter visit issued an invitation to Members of Moray Council to visit Kronach in 2008.
- 3.3 The Convener, Councillor George McIntyre has now received a further letter (**Appendix 1**) from Landrat Marr, renewing the invitation and suggesting a suitable time during "Schuetzenfest" the biggest cultural festival in Frankenwald.
- 3.4 The festival is between the 14th and 24th August and at that time accommodation is at a premium so an early indication of dates and numbers would be appreciated.
- 3.5 There are considerable parallels between the landscape and environmental problems faced by both Authorities. Recent exchange arranged through Community Development.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

By visiting the County of Kronach, it would help the support the development of tourism in Moray as those Members who attend would promote Moray as an area to visit.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no legal implications.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Airfares are currently indicated at £240 per person.

(d) Consultations

None

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Policy Committee is asked to consider the invitation from the Convener of Kronach Landkreis.

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Background Papers: Invitation Letter dated 18th March 2008
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