



Coventry City Council

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REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR

REPORT TO: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

11th September, 2013

REPORT OF: Councillor John Mutton

TITLE: Presentation to the EU

DATE: 10 – 12 June 2013

VENUE: Strasbourg

1. Recommendation

That we continue to work in partnership with our twinned cities to get the twinning movement officially recognised by the United Nations.

2. Background

Coventry and Volgograd were the first two cities in the world to officially twin together in 1944. For the last six months we have been working together alongside other twinned cities to receive recognition. This trip to the European Parliament was a follow up to the trip to Volgograd in May undertaken by myself, Jenni Venn and Laura Elliott. The purpose was to address the European Parliament to get support from members of the European Parliament. My role was to make a speech to the members of the European Parliament which I am pleased to say received excellent support. Altogether there were five speakers including myself, the Mayor of Volgograd, the permanent Russian Secretary, a MEP from Ostrava/Czech Republic and Mr Martinez from Spain who is vice-president of the European Parliament.

3. Cost of attending

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	Nil	Nil
Flights	£548	£503
Additional Travel Expenses		€80 Taxi fares €30 Baggage Fees
Accommodation	€480	€483
Subsistence		€13

(NOTE: IF TOTALS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.)

4. Benefits

To further develop the close working relationship with our twin city of Volgograd and for Coventry to be recognised as one of the founders of the twinning movement. Volgograd would like to bring the exhibition to Coventry later on this year.

List of background papers

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Councillor John Mutton with Mayor of Volgograd



Looking at parts of the exhibition



Addressing the European Parliament