

Report to: **Executive**  
Date: **16 January 2007**  
Report of: **Director of Regeneration and Development**  
Subject: **Town Twinning, Easington - Baesweiler**  
Ward: **All**

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider a request from the administration in Baesweiler for the District Council to attend the Annual Karneval and Kirmes celebrations.

## **2. Consultation**

- 2.1 In preparing this report I have consulted with the Chairman of Town Twinning Monitoring Group and the Senior Regeneration Officer (Finance & Management).

## **3. Position Statement**

- 3.1 I have been advised that the dates for these visits are as follow:-

Karneval - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007

Kirmes - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007

- 3.2 The administration has invited the Council to participate in these annual celebrations and have invited the following:-

Councillor C. Walker	-	Chair of the Council
Councillor B. Joyce	-	Vice Chair of the Council
Councillor J. Goodwin	-	Chair of the Town Twinning Monitoring Group
Ms J. Johnson	-	Chief Executive
Mr M. Kipling	-	Senior Regeneration Officer (Finance & Management)

## **4. Policy, Financial, Legal and Risk Implications**

### **4.1 Policy Implications**

- 4.1.1 It has been the policy of the Council for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, at the time of the individual visits, together with the Twinning Officer to attend on these occasions. In addition approval has also been given for the Chief Executive and Members of the Management Team to visit Baesweiler in order to generate closer links with counterparts in and around Baesweiler and to gain an insight into service provision in Germany.

- 4.1.2 It was agreed that the Director of Community Services participate in the Kirmes 2006 visit but due to a family bereavement he was unable to attend. It is therefore suggested that the Director of Community Services participate in the 2007 Kirmes visit to Baesweiler on behalf of the Chief Executive and that a number of study visits relating to street cleaning, refuse, recycling, community safety and leisure be built into his programme.

### **4.2 Financial Implications**

- 4.2.1 There are no financial implications as a budget provision is in place to cover existing

policy. Funding to cover any additional attendees is found from existing departmental budgets.

#### 4.3 **Legal Implications**

4.2.1 There are no legal implications

#### 4.4 **Risk Implications**

4.4.1 A risk assessment has been completed and the necessary actions required to manage the identified risks have been/will be implemented.

### 5. **Communications**

5.1 The administration in Baesweiler will be advised of the decision. In addition details of the visits have been included in info-point and circulated to previously interested parties via mailing lists.

### 6. **Recommendations**

6.1 It is **recommended** that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council together with the Twinning Officer officially attend both visits in 2007 and that the Director of Community Services participates in the Kirmes visit with a suitably arranged programme.

#### **Background Papers/Documents Referred to in Preparing this Report:-**

District of Easington Risk Assessment

Letter from the administration in Baesweiler dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006

#### **R. Prisk. Director of Regeneration and Development**