

Item 4

REPORT TO CABINET

30th September 2004

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CIVIC TWINNING – VISIT TO RHEINHAUSEN

As Members will be aware, Sedgefield Borough has been twinned with Rheinhausen since 1990 and throughout the last ten years of that period Rheinhausen Council has been chaired by Günter Heiser.

Herr Heiser has proved to be a good friend of the Borough Council over the years and has been very supportive of the twinning links that have been developed between the people of Rheinhausen and Sedgefield.

He has now written to the Council indicating that it is his intention to step down from his position as Chairman and retire from political life. He proposes to celebrate his farewell on the day of his 75th birthday on 31st October, 2004 at the Town Hall in Duisberg and has requested the attendance of the Leader of the Borough Council, Councillor Bob Fleming, the Mayor, Councillor Marie Predki and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Sedgefield delegation would travel to Germany on Saturday 30th October and return on Monday 31st October. Rheinhausen would provide accommodation and this Council would be expected to arrange transport etc.

Recommendation : That the Council be represented by Councillor R.S. Fleming, Ms. Marie Predki and the Chief Executive Officer.

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Background Papers:

Letter from Günter Heiser dated 7th August, 2004

Examination by Statutory Officers:

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