

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 July 2014

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Pulheim Twinning 30th Anniversary
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	N/A
Corporate Objective:	Strong and inclusive communities

Purpose:

To outline proposals for the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Fareham and Pulheim twinning arrangement.

Executive summary:

This year is the 30th anniversary of Fareham's twinning with Pulheim, which commenced in March 1984.

In his announcement at the Executive meeting held on 10 February, the Executive Leader requested that officers compile a proposal to mark the occasion, the details of which are within the body of this report.

Officers have now completed this task, and suggest that a Liquid Amber Tree is planted in Westbury Manor gardens to commemorate this special anniversary, and that a tree planting ceremony takes place on Friday 24 October, when a civic contingent from Pulheim are visiting Fareham.

It is suggested that the tree planting ceremony is attended by the Mayor of Fareham, councillors, members of the Fareham and Pulheim Twinning Association, and others who played a part in joining the two towns together by initiating the twinning arrangement.

Following the tree planting ceremony, it is proposed that a reception is held for all guests, and a commemorative scroll is presented to the Mayor of Pulheim.

Recommendation:

That the Executive agrees to:

- a) host a tree planting ceremony and reception with a contingent from Pulheim as guests of honour;
- b) plant a Liquid Amber tree, and erect a commemorative plaque in Westbury Manor garden; and
- c) present the Mayor of Pulheim with a commemorative scroll for the 30th anniversary of Fareham and Pulheim twinning.

Reason:

To provide a lasting memorial to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Fareham and Pulheim twinning arrangement.

Cost of proposals:

The total cost of the event is estimated at £4,500, and can be met from current revenue budgets

Appendices:

- A:** Proposed site for tree within Westbury Manor Gardens
B: Liquid Amber tree

Background papers:

None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Subject: Pulheim Twinning 30th Anniversary

Briefing by: Director of Finance and Resources

Portfolio: Policy and Resources

INTRODUCTION

1. This year is the 30th anniversary of Fareham's twinning with Pulheim, which commenced in March 1984.
2. Members will recall that the Executive Leader, in his announcement on 10 February this year, asked for officers to compile a proposal to mark the occasion, the details of which are within this report.
3. Thought has now been applied to hosting a commemorative event on Friday 24 October 2014, when a delegation of Pulheim colleagues will visit Fareham.

BACKGROUND

4. As the 30th anniversary is a special occasion, it would seem appropriate that a lasting memorial of this time should be arranged, with preference being to plant a tree in Westbury Manor garden, marked by a tree planting ceremony, hosted by the Council.
5. The Council's Principal Tree Officer and Horticulture Development Officer have been consulted on the location and type of tree to be planted, and are in agreement that a location to the rear of the garden as indicated on appendix A would be an appropriate position. The type of tree considered suitable for this area and event is a Liquid Amber, which is shown at appendix B.
6. The size of the tree would need to be substantial at the point of planting, and can be purchased at an approximate height of 6 metres, with a spread of 2 metres.
7. A plaque to commemorate the event could be mounted on the wall of the garden, to the side of the tree, to provide information in commemoration of the event.
8. As an aside, the positioning of the tree will also provide a degree of screening from the bus station on the other side of the wall.

9. Guests to the tree planting ceremony would include the Mayor of Fareham, councillors, members of the Fareham/Pulheim twinning association and other appropriate persons connected with the Fareham and Pulheim twinning, both currently and when the twinning arrangement was established 30 years ago.
10. Following the tree planting ceremony, it is proposed that a reception be hosted for all guests, by the council, and a 30th anniversary commemorative scroll be presented to the Mayor of Pulheim.

COST OF PROPOSALS

11. The total cost of the event is estimated at £4,500, and can be met from existing resources. The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Purchase of tree and planting	£3000
Plaque and mounting	£500
Reception	£750
Commemorative scroll	£250

CONCLUSION

12. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Fareham and Pulheim twinning arrangement, it would seem appropriate to create a lasting memorial for the residents of Fareham to see and enjoy, by planting a Liquid Amber tree in Westbury Manor gardens. It is also suggested that a commemorative plaque is unveiled by the Mayor of Pulheim and the Mayor of Fareham, and a reception is hosted, where the Mayor of Pulheim will be presented with a commemorative scroll.

Reference Papers:

None