

TWINNING POLICY

1. The Council agrees in principle to twin with a similar area in France.
2. Once the twinning takes place, the Twinning Association will take over responsibility for twinning arrangements between the towns and all administrative work in relation to those twinning arrangements or any events put on by the Twinning Association must be undertaken by the Twinning Association and NOT Pontypool Community Council staff.

The Chairman would have to sign the official document but the Council's only other involvement should be to retain its representation on the Twinning Association and maintain the civic link and lead.]

3. That Pontypool will remain twinned with Longjumeau.
4. That Pontypool will remain twinned with Bretten.
5. Pontypool will officially twin with Condeixa.
6. The Council will only consider applications for finance for twinning exchanges with Bretten, Longjumeau and Condeixa.
7. The rota for twinning visits and conferences must be strictly adhered to. Councillors on the Council twinning rota will be given two weeks notice to decide whether they wish to take part in twinning visits.
8. The representatives at Twinning Conferences will be the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council, the Leader or Deputy Leader and a member of staff on a strict rotational basis to support the representative(s) and to bring a written report back on the Conference to Council.
9. The Chairman, or his/her representative, will only attend the Peter and Paul Festival each year. Any other invitations received to attend any twinning trips abroad to be put before Council.
10. If the Chairman and Vice Chairman are unable to attend a twinning event, the Council will be represented by a past Chairman plus a member from the Council twinning rota.

11. The Council will only pay for its own delegates on twinning visits.
12. The Council will commission a digital display of the twinning events and youth festivals.