

Agenda Item No: 5
Report To: **SELECTION & CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW**
Date: **THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2009**
Report Title: Civic Twinning – Member Champion
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Summary: The Executive of the 6 March 2008 agreed that a member be appointed to champion the Twinning Concordat between the Ashford Twinning Association and the Borough Council for a term of three years that co-incided with the European cycle of twinning visits. Cllr William Howard was subsequently appointed to this role. This report asks Selection & Constitutional Review to agree to extend the member champion role, which was initially for European twinning (twin towns of Bad Munstereifel and Fougères), to include the Council's twin town of Hopewell in Virginia, USA. The Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder, Twinning Member Champion and the Friends of Hopewell Association have been consulted on and support this proposal.

Key Decision: NO

Affected Wards: All

Recommendations: **The Selection and Constitutional Review Committee be asked to agree that:-**

The role of the member champion for twinning be extended to include the Council's twin town of Hopewell in Virginia, USA.

Policy Overview: Meets the objectives of the Council's Corporate Strategy set out under Local Leadership and Strong Partnership Working

Financial Implications: None

Risk Assessment NO

Other Material Implications: None

Background Papers: Executive Committee Report - 6 March 2008

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