

Policy on Twinning Activity with the Deal/St Omer Twinning Society

This policy will govern all twinning activity carried out by the Town Council.

The policy will be reviewed every four years. The review will be carried out by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor plus two other councillors selected for the task, in consultation with the Chairman of Deal/St-Omer Twinning Society. Any recommendations for change shall be put to Full Council for a decision.

Introduction

Deal town has a twinning agreement with the municipality of St-Omer, the Charter for which dates from 1st June 1975. There is a thriving Deal/St-Omer Twinning Society which handles all the day to day arrangements for the twinning activities in the town, as well as a range of social activities for members. Two town councillors are attached to the committee and the Mayor of Deal and the Deputy Mayor are ex-officio members of that committee.

Overriding principle

Deal Town Council is committed to retaining and nurturing links between the town of Deal and the town or towns with which is it linked by a twinning agreement.

Aims

The aim of all twinning activity which Deal Town Council instigates or participates in shall be

- to abide by the joint declaration made by the Mayor of Deal in the Charter of 1975
- to create opportunities for businesses, organisations, groups and clubs to share knowledge and skills for economic benefit
- to support businesses, groups and clubs to take part in exchanges for community benefit

Deal Town Council commits to

- maintaining civic links with the Mayor and other elected members of the Municipality of St-Omer through communications, meetings and invitations to civic events.
- providing funding for twinning activities which have the above aims, within its annual budget
- consulting with the Deal/St-Omer Twinning Society before deciding how the budget shall be spent
- Sending representatives of the council to the annual Deal/St-Omer Twinning Exchange event