



FELIXSTOWE

TOWN COUNCIL

Twinning Policy

Twinning – Civic visits to Wesel/Salzwedel

- Regular (up to once annually) visits may be made to Felixstowe's twin town of Wesel and/or its partnership town of Salzwedel, in Germany, which usually coincides with special events in the town or a notable anniversary.
- The official civic delegation should consist of the Mayor of Felixstowe and Mayoress/Consort, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress/Consort plus an officer from the Town Council (ordinarily the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk or Civic Events Officer).
- Travel expenses for this delegation of up to 5 people will be met from the Council's Twinning budget. Economy travel should be used insofar as it may be possible to keep costs to a minimum.
- Where other spouses/partners or Council Members wishing to attend in their own right are accompanying the party each shall be responsible for payment of their own expenses.
- Accommodation, transfers and any costs associated with the civic programme in Wesel or Salzwedel will be met by the respective German councils and/or their winning associations.
- All delegates will be responsible for their own travel and health insurance.
- Official gifts may be exchanged during the visit. As a general guideline, the Town Council will not in normal circumstances spend more than £50 on its gift to each town – to be met from the Twinning budget. Other, personal, gifts may be exchanged if so wished but must be down to the individual and at their own cost.

Twinning – Civic visits from Wesel/Salzwedel

- A civic delegation may be received from Felixstowe's twin town of Wesel and/or its partnership town of Salzwedel, which usually coincides with special events in the town or a notable anniversary.
- The Town Council will make arrangements for the accommodation of the official civic delegations during their stay and agree a programme of events, in consultation with the Felixstowe-Wesel Association, the Salzwedel Partnership Association and the respective civic administrations in Germany.
- Accommodation, transfers and any costs associated with the civic programme in Felixstowe will be met by the Town Council from the Twinning budget and/or

the Felixstowe-Wesel Twinning Association or the Salzwedel Partnership Association.

- All delegates will be responsible for their own travel and health insurance.

Twining (General)

- Felixstowe has been twinned with Wesel in Germany for over 40 years. This valued partnership is supported by the Town Council and it appoints three representatives to the Felixstowe Wesel Association, to which the Mayor is honorary president.
- Felixstowe has also been linked with Salzwedel for over 20 years. This valued partnership is supported by the Town Council and it appoints one representative to the Salzwedel Partnership Association, to which the Mayor is honorary president.

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