

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

**Subject** : Mayoral Visit to Nivelles, Belgium  
**Committee** : Full Council  
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## 1. Report Summary:

1.1 The Mayor, Councillor John Wells, and the Mayoress, Mrs Josephine Wells, have been invited to attend Nivelles between 3-6 October 2025.

1.2 The visit is in aid of Tour Sainte-Gertrude, an annual festival to pay tribute to their founder.

1.3 The Conseil communal in Nivelles have booked and paid for accommodation and the Mayor will cover any additional costs incurred. There are no anticipated costs to Salisbury City Council.

## 2. Background:

2.1 Nivelles is a city in Belgium. The Mayor and Mayoress met Charles Gourdin, 4<sup>th</sup> échevin (alderman), during a recent official visit to Salisbury's twin city, Saintes, France.

2.2 While there is no direct cultural link between Salisbury and Nivelles, Saintes and Nivelles have been twinned since 1956.

2.3 Salisbury City Council's Civic Handbook states that The Policy and Resources Committee will determine whether to accept an overseas trip invitation. Due to time constraints, this is being brought to Full Council for decision.

## 3. Recommendation:

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

3.1.1 Approve the request for the Mayor and Mayoress to attend Nivelles between 3-6 October 2025.

**Wards Affected:** All

**Background papers:** None

**Implications:**

**Financial:** None

**Legal:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Equalities Impact Statement:** None