

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Provost's Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee

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ARMISTICE DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018 - 100th ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR ONE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report outlines proposals to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, marking the end of World War One, on Remembrance Day, Sunday 11 November 2018.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 World War One touched the lives of millions of Scots at home and abroad, and continues to resonate today.
- 1.2 Of the 700,000 Scots who joined the forces, more than 100,000 died. Nearly every village, city and town in Scotland has some form of memorial displaying the names of their war dead.
- 1.3 Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the Armistice signed between the Allies of World War One and Germany for the cessation of hostilities, which took effect at eleven o' clock in the morning – “the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918.
- 1.4 Remembrance Sunday is held in November in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations as a day to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.
- 1.6 On Sunday 11 November 2018, Remembrance Sunday and the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day coincide.
- 1.7 The Royal British Legion Scotland has introduced “Walks of Gratitude”, which provide an opportunity for members of the public to actively participate in remembrance events and follow directly behind a military parade in a Walk of Gratitude. Members of the public, especially young people participating, are encouraged to carry photographs or wear medals to represent their family members.
- 1.8 The Scottish Military Vehicle Group has indicated that it would be keen to participate in the parade and Walk of Gratitude and would be glad to transport veterans unable to walk the distance, enabling them to participate in the

parade. The vehicles would make their way to Perth Concert Hall and form a static display at Horsecross Plaza for the public to view.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 At the end of the customary Remembrance Sunday Church Services in Perth on 11 November 2018, it is proposed to commemorate and mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day by enhancing the customary military parade and incorporating a Walk of Gratitude.
- 2.2 It is proposed to have the Scottish Military Vehicle Group participate in the parade, transport veterans and form a static display at Horsecross Plaza for the public to view.
- 2.3 It is proposed that Civic Hospitality in the form of tea and coffee and entertainment in the form of music from the World War One era be provided in the Foyer of Perth Concert Hall for all in attendance.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 On Sunday 11 November 2018, Remembrance Sunday and the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day coincide.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the Provost's Sub-Committee:-
 - (a) Agrees to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day by enhancing the customary military parade and incorporating a Walk of Gratitude.
 - (b) Agrees to provide Civic Hospitality in the form of tea and coffee and entertainment from the World War One era at Perth Concert Hall.
 - (c) Agrees to accept the offer from the Scottish Military Vehicle Group to participate in the commemorations for the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.
 - (d) Agrees to delegate authority to the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Provost, to finalise the arrangements for the event.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	No
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	No
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

1.1 Community Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan)

The Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

1.2 Corporate Plan

Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2018-2022 sets out five strategic objectives. The proposals in this report support the achievement of these objectives.

2. Resource Implications - Financial

2.1 The costs associated with the event are anticipated to be in the region of:

Traffic arrangements	£ 180
Catering	£ 800
Entertainment	£ 500
Vintage Vehicles donation	£ 300
Pipe Band	£ 350
Photography	<u>£ 150</u>
Total estimated costs	<u>£2,280</u>

- 2.2 The estimated costs associated with the Civic event can be met from the 2018/19 Civic Hospitality budget.
- 2.3 The Head of Finance has been consulted on the financial implications for the proposals and has indicated his agreement.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 The Provost and the Chief Executive have been consulted in the preparation of this report.