

Executive

25 January 2018

Report of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee

WWI Commemorations Scrutiny Review - Cover Report

Introduction

1. This cover report presents the final report from the WWI Commemorations Scrutiny Review and asks the Executive to approve the recommendations arising from the review.

Review Background & Recommendations

2. In July 2017, the Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee considered a Council Motion proposed by Cllr Gillies in March 2017 concerning the planning of an overall strategy for the Council's commemoration activities – see full motion detailed in paragraph 2 of Annex 1.
3. The Committee agreed that in the absence of any progression in the formulating of a strategy, it would form a Scrutiny Task Group to undertake the necessary work, and that Group made up of Cllrs Steward, Mason, Taylor and Wells met for the first time in August 2017.
4. The final report arising from their review was presented to the full Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee in early January 2018 and the Committee agreed to endorse the Task Group's recommendations as listed below:
 - i. The Executive provide a budget of £10k to enable the procurement of an event organiser to develop and promote a programme of events to commemorate the end of WW1, in line with the brief shown at Annex B.
 - ii. A Reference Group be set up to support and steer the work of the Event Organiser, with its membership as suggested in paragraph 15 above.

Reason: To ensure the City reflects the appreciation of its residents to all those who sacrificed so much during the conflict, and to conclude this review in line with scrutiny procedure and protocols.

Implications

5. The following implications have been identified as a result of the review recommendations in paragraph 4 above.

Financial: The majority of the requested budget of £10k would be required to procure the services of an event organiser to carry out the work associated with the production of a programme. The remainder could be used to assist in financing the activities proposed in paragraph 12 of Annex 1, i.e. a civic contribution to the programme of activities utilising the Mansion House.

6. There are no HR, Legal, Equalities, Crime & Disorder, IT, Property or other implications associated with the recommendations arising from this review.

Risk Management

7. There are no known risks, associated with the recommendations arising from this review.

Council Plan 2015-19

8. As part of the review the Task Group sought the views of a range of partner organisations, community groups and children and young people thereby demonstrating the Council's commitment to listen to residents, which is one of the Council's corporate priorities, as set out in the Council's Plan 2015-19.

Options

9. Having considered the final report at Appendix 1 and its associated annexes, the Executive may choose to amend and/or approve, or reject the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review.

Recommendation

10. Having considered the final report and its annexes, the Executive is recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraphs 2 above.

Reason: To conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and protocols.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – WWI Commemorations Scrutiny Review Final Report