



Title of Report:	Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service at Knockagh
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27th June 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Approval

Linkage to Council Strategy 2021-2025	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Charter accreditation achieved. Member Development Programme in place.
Lead Officer	Democratic and Central Services Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Travel & Subsistence
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date: To be completed
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date: To be completed
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

To consider Elected Member representation at the Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service at Knockagh, Carrickfergus.

2.0 Background

The attached invitation (Appendix 1) from Mid & East Antrim Borough Council to attend the Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service at Knockagh War Memorial, Carrickfergus on Sunday 25th June was received on 7th June.

This is an annual event on the last Sunday in June, with 4-6 Elected Members attending each year. It is customary for any Elected Member who wishes to attend to be robed and for a wreath to be laid on behalf of Council.

The Parade and Service is followed by a light lunch at the Museum & Civic Centre, Carrickfergus, attendance at which is optional.

Given the short turnaround time, the invitation has been circulated by email to Elected Members, should they wish to attend.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that retrospective approval is granted for any Elected Member to attend the Parade and Service and that attendance during the current Council term is considered an approved duty for reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs.



7 June 2023

Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
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66 Portstewart Road
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Dear Mayor

**Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service
Knockagh War Memorial, Carrickfergus
Sunday 25 June 2023**

I write on behalf of Mid & East Antrim Borough Council and the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee to invite you, and the Council's Aldermen and Councillors, to attend the Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service to be held at the Knockagh War Memorial on Sunday 25 June 2023. **The Parade will form up at the Knockagh War Memorial at 10.40 am, to be followed by a Service at 11.00 am.** Parking will be available in the field adjacent to the monument. Following the Service, you are invited to the Museum & Civic Centre, Carrickfergus Town Centre for a light buffet lunch.

For ease of administration and for catering purposes, I should be grateful if you would complete the attached form and return it to Member Services, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ or email members.services@midandeastantrim.gov.uk by Monday 19 June 2023.

I hope you will be able to join us for this significant event.

Yours sincerely

Gerardine Mulvenna

Ald Gerardine Mulvenna
Mayor of Mid and East Antrim Borough

Please reply to:

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Ballymena Office
Ardeevin
80 Galgorm Road
Ballymena BT42 1AB

Carrickfergus Office
Museum & Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street
Carrickfergus BT38 7DG

Larne Office
Smiley Buildings
Victoria Road
Larne BT40 1RU

Planning Office
Silverwood Business Park
190 Raceview Road
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BT42 4HZ

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Valerie Watts