

Causeway Coast & Glens

Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy & Resources Committee

Date: 19th January 2016

Correspondence report

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For Decision

1. Commemoration of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme – The Somme Association

An invitation has been received from The Somme Association to the official Northern Ireland commemoration at the Ulster Memorial Tower, Thiepval, France on the afternoon of 1st July 2016. On 2nd July there will be an “Act of Remembrance” at the Memorial to the 16th (Irish) Division at Guillemont.

The Association would particularly welcome representation from each Party to reflect the totality of service from our community and has offered four places in 2016 on the Centenary trip. After 31st January 2016 the association will reallocate places as availability allows.

There are two price options based on the hotel chosen.

Option 1 – estimated price of the tour £730.00 per person (excluding personal insurance) staying at 2+ star hotel accommodation. There is a single room supplement of £100.00

Option 2 – estimated price of the tour £900.00 per person (excluding personal insurance) staying at 3 star hotel accommodation. There is a single room supplement of £100.00

Closing date for booking is 31st January 2016.

Committee is asked to consider the invitation from The Somme Association and make recommendation to Council on attendance, number of nominations and method of appointment.

2. agendaNI – Annual Local Government Reform Conference

An invitation has been received from agendaNI inviting Elected Members to the Annual Local Government Reform Conference, to be held in Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn on Thursday 4th February 2016. (A discounted rate of £150 plus VAT for conference only. £210 plus VAT for conference and Councillor’s Code of Conduct workshop).

The conference will share views on key issues including development plans, community planning, tourism, economic development, delivering better citizen services and the Councillors' code of conduct.

Committee is asked to note the invitation from agendaNI.