

Title of Report:	Battle of the Somme Commemorations
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	7 June 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy 2021-2025	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Our Elected Members work collaboratively and make decisions on an evidence led basis and in line with its policies
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£750 pp approx
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	50101 - 2520
Staffing Costs	N/A

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

1.0 Background

Council has in the past nominated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (or their party nominee) to attend the Battle of the Somme commemorations.

Alderman Sharon McKillop travelled to the Somme in July 2019 in her capacity as Deputy Mayor and a delegation of 4 Elected Members visited the Somme for the Ulster Tower centenary celebrations in November 2021.

The Somme Association no longer organise Battlefield tours therefore members have to travel independently, flying with Easyjet from Belfast to Paris, travelling by train to Arras and by taxi to the Ulster Tower/Guillemont for the services on 1st July.

It is likely that attendees would travel on Wednesday 29th June and return on Saturday 2nd July. Final travel arrangements will be confirmed when nominations have been made.

2.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council agree the number of attendees and the method of appointment should the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor be unable to attend.