

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

20 October 2015

Recognition Programme – Anniversary of the Somme 2016

For Decision

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Leader and Champion
Objective	Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Liz Johnston
Cost: (If applicable)	To be confirmed

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Requests have been received from the following groups to deliver a programme of events recognising the Anniversary of the Somme in 2016. The support requested includes resource support from health & safety and communication teams, creation of commemorative flowerbeds, provision of large screen and sponsorship.
- 1.2 The Royal British Legion Coleraine in partnership with The Ulster Scots Regeneration Group (29th June – 2nd July)
- Ballymoney Cultural & Heritage Society (27th June – 2nd July)
- It is envisaged that the catchment area for events will be the entire Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.
- 1.3 The Causeway Museums Service and Ballymoney Museum are working in partnership with Good Relations Officers in the development of programmes and activities within the context of the “Decade of Centenaries” across the Borough.
- 1.4 A notice of motion has also been tabled regarding the formation of a working group to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme across the Borough.

1.5 Recommendation

It is recommended that Officers meet with the Groups to discuss the proposals to understand the context of the Decade of Centenaries under the Council's approach and prepare a report for committee's consideration and that a decision on the way forward with regard be determined following consideration of the Notice of Motion.