

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 2 October 2018

McCrae's Battalion Trust: Commemorative Service at Contalmaison Cairn - 1 July 2018

Item number	7.9
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	City wide

Council Commitments

Executive summary

The Council supported the Hearts Great War Memorial Committee by providing a £5,000 grant towards the cost of a cairn at Contalmaison to commemorate the 15th and 16th Battalions of the Royal Scots at the Battle of the Somme. The Council was also represented at the unveiling ceremony in 2004.

The Council has been represented at each of the annual commemorative ceremonies and received an invitation to be represented at this year's ceremony.

As the Lord Provost was unable to attend, retrospective approval is sought for Bailie Norman Work's attendance.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the attendance of Bailie Norman Work at the Commemorative Service at Contalmaison on 1 July 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council is invited each year by McCrae's Battalion Trust to attend the annual commemorative ceremony.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Council supported the Hearts Great War Memorial Committee by providing a £5,000 grant towards the cost of a cairn at Contalmaison to commemorate the 15th and 16th Battalions of the Royal Scots at the Battle of the Somme. The Council was also represented at the unveiling ceremony in 2004.
- 3.2 The Council has been represented at each of the annual commemorative ceremonies and has received an invitation to be represented at this year's ceremony.
- 3.3 As the Lord Provost was unable to attend, retrospective approval is sought for Bailie Norman Work to attend, following prior approval by the Coalition Leaders.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Travel and accommodation is approximately £510 which can be met from the Strategy and Insight Divisional budget.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 This recommendation is unlikely to impact on Risk, Policy, Compliance and Governance matters.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from this visit.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Travel (return trip) from Edinburgh to Contalmaison will be by coach (a carbon footprint of 52kg CO₂). Travel by coach is in keeping with the Council's approach to long distance travel options.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 There are no consultation or engagement requirements.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 None

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11. Appendices

- 11.1 None