

# Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 6 August 2019

## McCrae's Battalion Trust: Commemorative Service at Contalmaison Cairn – 1 July 2019

Executive/routine

Wards

Council Commitments

City Wide

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To retrospectively approve the attendance of the Deputy Lord Provost at the Commemorative Service at Contalmaison on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

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# Report

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 3. Background

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

### 4. Main report

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- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 As the Lord Provost was unable to attend, retrospective approval is sought for the Deputy Lord Provost's attendance, following prior approval by the Coalition Leaders.

### 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 The Committee will be notified in due course regarding proposals for the Contalmaison gathering in 2020.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 Travel and accommodation is approximately £795.00 which can be met from the Strategy and Communications Divisional budget.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 There are no consultation or engagement requirements.
- 7.2 This recommendation is unlikely to impact on health and safety, governance, compliance or regulatory matters. There are also no equalities impacts arising from this visit.
- 7.3 Travel (return trip) from Edinburgh to Contalmaison will be by coach (a carbon footprint of 52kg CO<sub>2</sub>). Travel by coach is in keeping with the Council's approach to long distance travel options.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 None

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 None