

# Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 21 March 2023

## McCrae's Battalion Trust: Commemorative Service at Contalmaison Cairn – 1 July 2023

Executive/routine

Wards

Council Commitments

City Wide

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To approve the attendance of Bailie Jason Rust at the Commemorative Service at Contalmaison on 1 July 2023.

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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 normally 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. The last commemorative service was in 2022.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.2 The Council has normally 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 is unable to attend, approval is sought for Bailie Jason Rust's attendance following approval by the Leader of the Council.

### 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 Travel and accommodation is £895.00 which can be met from the Legal and Assurance 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.