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| Subject: | Request for the Use of Dundonald Cemetery for Somme Commemoration Parade |
| Date: | 14 April 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Siobhan Toland, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services |
| Contact Officer: | Darren Armstrong, Acting Bereavement Services Manager |

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| Restricted Reports | |
| Is this report restricted? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? | |
| After Committee Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After Council Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Some time in the future | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Call-in | |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The Committee is asked to note that the Council has received a request to use Dundonald Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the beginning of the Battle of the Somme. Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry have requested an event on Thursday 25th June 2026. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the use of Dundonald Cemetery to facilitate the event subject to the event organisers adhering to operational requirements of the Council. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Dundonald Apprentice Boys of Derry has requested the use of Dundonald Cemetery to conduct a wreath laying ceremony on Thursday 25th June 2026. The parade will start at 19:15hrs – finishing at 20:15hrs. The event is planned to take place outside normal operating hours. Similar to previous years the Apprentice Boys will be accompanied by Symington Memorial silver Band and conduct a short 15-minute service in the grave yard. The Apprentice Boys have requested that the cemetery remain open until 8.15 pm to allow them to leave the site.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>As this event at Dundonald Cemetery will take place outside normal operating hours, there will be a requirement for one member of staff to be on duty during these times and secure the cemetery after the event. The cost of this resource will be covered within normal operating budgets.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no known implications.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices |
| | None |