



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Arrangements for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, 9 th November 2008
Date:	Friday, 22 nd August, 2008
Reporting Officer:	Mr. Liam Steele, Head of Committee and Members' Services (ext. 6325)
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Relevant Background Information

Members will recall that the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony takes place at the Cenotaph in the grounds of the City Hall in November of each year.

As was the case with the Annual Somme Ceremony in July 2008, the City Hall will be closed, although access to the Garden of Remembrance will be possible.

Key Issues

The Assembly Buildings, Church House were used as a venue for the Special Meeting of Council prior to the Somme Ceremony and for the provision of refreshments following the formal proceedings.

As the City Hall will still be closed in November 2008, it is again necessary to decide on an alternative and appropriate venue. The arrangements for the Somme Ceremony were well received by Members and those taking part commented on the success of the event. Accordingly, it is suggested that the use of the Assembly Buildings would be appropriate on this occasion.

Resource Implications

The use of the Assembly Buildings, Church House does not require any additional resources as the venue will be provided free of charge.

Recommendations

To approve the use of the Assembly Buildings, Church House as the gathering point for the procession for the Remembrance Day Ceremony on 9th November and for the provision of tea/coffee and light refreshments following the formal proceedings.

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