



Belfast City Council

Report to	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Laying of Wreath at the Memorial to the 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Young Citizens)
Date:	24th August, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (Ext 6314)

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 1st June, agreed to permit the 36th Ulster Division Memorial Association to use the City Hall on 10th September for an event to mark the formation of the Young Citizen Volunteers of Ireland (YCV)
1.2	In its application, the Association had explained that the event would comprise of a lecture, the launch of a booklet, musical entertainment and a small exhibition of YCV artefacts. The Association had also sought the use of any artefacts which the Council owned in relation to the YCV.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Association has, on 20th August, written to the Council indicating that, as part of the event, they would like to lay a wreath at the "YCV Memorial" in the City Hall. This request did not form part of the original application.
2.2	The memorial in question is located half way up the staircase at the East Entrance area of the City Hall. It bears the following inscription: "Erected to the memory of the Officers and men of the 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Young Citizens) who fell in the Great War 1914-1918"
2.3	The Committee is requested to indicate if it wishes to accede to the request from the 36th Ulster Division Memorial Association.

3	Resource Implications
	None.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	The event has been considered by the Council as part of the overall “Decade of Centenaries” commemorations and appropriate Council authority has been granted for the event.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the request from the 36th Ulster Division Memorial Association and to decide if permission should be granted for the wreath laying as part of the event on 10th September.

6	Decision Tracking
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