



Subject:	Belfast City Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2017/18
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval of Members on the content for the coming year of the Decade of Centenaries. This next phase would cover Commemorations during the year 2017/18
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the attached Decade of Centenaries Programme for delivery, noting that funding for the Battle of Messines and Passchendaele will be covered through existing budgets given that these events will take place in May/June and the remainder will be considered as part of the year end finance report in June.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members will be aware of the ongoing programme of work in relation to the Decade of Centenaries, which has been ongoing since 2011. The anniversaries of a number of significant events from a hundred years ago will occur this year and in line with previous programmes, it is proposed that the Council continue with its programme of commemorations.
3.2	A draft programme has been attached for Members consideration for the period April 17-March 2018 with estimated costs.
3.3	There is scope to work alongside other organisations such as the Fellowship of the

	<p>Messines Project and/or the Unionist Centenary Committee in the delivery of some of the proposed events relating to the Battles of Messines and Passchendaele given that these will take place in May/June.</p>
3.4	<p>It is anticipated that a further report on the Decade of Centenaries which looks at a programme to cover the 1918-1922 period will be brought forward shortly for consideration.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The events around Messines and Passchendaele will be covered through the existing Good Relations budget. If the remainder of the programme is agreed in principle, funding will be considered as part of the year end finance report in June.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>The Decade of Centenaries commemorations are part of the Council's Good Relations Action Plan, which was screened out following a screening exercise.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1: Proposed programme activity for the coming year 17/18</p>