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| Subject: | Motion – Marking the Centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower |
| Date: | 20th August, 2021 |
| Reporting Officer: | John Walsh, City Solicitor |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer |

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To bring to the Committee's attention a motion on Marking the Centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st July. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, should it be agreed, to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to submit to a future meeting a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed. |

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| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | The Council, at its meeting on 1st July, considered the following motion which had been proposed by Alderman Kingston and seconded by Councillor Pankhurst. |
| 3.2 | <p><i>“This Council notes that this November marks the centenary of the opening of the Ulster Memorial Tower, on 19th November 1921, near Thiepval in France, as a lasting tribute to the men of Ulster who served and who gave their lives during the First World War.</i></p> <p><i>Its position, opposite Thiepval Wood, is a particular reminder of the Officers and Men of the 36th (Ulster) Division who fell during the Battle of the Somme, and is a specific tribute to the Division’s heroic charge on the opening day of that great offensive.</i></p> <p><i>This Council notes the various historic connections between the Ulster Memorial Tower and Belfast City Council and agrees to include recognition of this connection in our Centenary programme this year.”</i></p> |
| 3.3 | In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. |
| 3.4 | <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None. |
| 3.5 | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate. |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |
| | None. |