



Subject:	Request for the use of the Cenotaph - Royal Navy Association
Date:	21st January, 2022
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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
1.1	To consider a request from the Royal Navy Association for the use of the cenotaph on 12th June 2022 to host a commemoration service to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the request.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> A request has been received from the Royal Navy Association to host a commemoration service at the Cenotaph on 12th June 2022 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War.
3.2	The event will consist of a parade from the RNA Club on Great Victoria Street to the City

	Hall's Garden of Remembrance and Cenotaph for a short service of commemoration and a return parade to the RNA Club.
3.3	The act of commemoration itself will involve 6 to 10 wreath layers and a Chaplin. The number of observers/on parade are estimated to be around 200. The estimated time of arrival at the Cenotaph is 11.00 am and estimated time of departure is 11.45 am.
3.4	The Royal Navy Association proposes to use a small hand-held battery powered PA system for the use of the Chaplin. It is envisaged that the band that leads the parade will play a church hymn during the service. It is also envisaged that the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' will be played on a bugle as part of the act of commemoration. Permission is also being sought for the National Anthem to be played on completion of the service at the Cenotaph.
3.5	The request requires the use of the cenotaph for the service and the grounds for access. No access into the City Hall or use of Council rooms is required.
3.6	Organisers would manage the service in consultation with the City Hall Function Management Unit and would adhere to specific covid guidance relevant in June 2022.
	<u>COVID implications</u>
3.7	In managing and delivering future functions, liaison with and guidance for organisers will be provided by officers to ensure compliance with any relevant social distancing guidelines and Covid guidance at the time of their function. Committee approval for their function to take place in City Hall is recommended on the basis of their compliance to this caveat and what is permissible and feasible.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.8	There is no cost to the Council in approving the use of the cenotaph. All costs associated with the cenotaph service such as PA sound system, security, barriers will be covered by Royal Navy Association.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.9	Any decision in regard to use of the cenotaph, the service and content if approved in principle and will need to be screened, and a follow up report presented to committee for review and decision.
4.0	Documents Attached
	None