

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**GAMES OF REMEMBRANCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the County Council's proposals to commemorate the end of the Great War.
2. To seek approval to commit up to £10,000 as a contribution towards the 'Games of Remembrance' being planned and delivered during 8 November 2018.

Information

3. The Christmas Truce (German: Weihnachtsfrieden) was a series of widespread but unofficial ceasefires along the Western Front of the Great War around Christmas 1914. In the week leading up to the 25th December, German and British soldiers crossed the trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk.
4. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into 'no man's land' to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. Several meetings ended in prisoner exchanges, and also carol singing. The most memorable image is that of men playing football matches.
5. The Games of Remembrance is a project to educate and remember football's important role in World War 1. It includes an education and tribute programme, whilst two football matches will be held on Thursday 8 November 2018 between female and male members of the British Army and German Armed Forces.
6. Activities will include a Fan Zone, music and exhibition-education areas. A number of Sporting legends and VIP's from both countries have been invited.

The Power of Football

7. Through the power of football, the Games of Remembrance aims to bring the Great War stories of courage and sacrifice alive, 100 years after the guns fell silent.
8. Notts County Football Club will host the women's match at Meadow Lane, with a kick-off time at 12 noon. Attendance will focus on the young, with many school trips planned. It is expected that 3000+ children from Nottinghamshire will attend.
9. Nottingham Forest Football Club will host the men's match at the City Ground, with a kick-off time of 7pm. Free tickets have been made available to Community and Youth groups in Nottinghamshire.

10. Each fixture will consist of a number of features, including:
- a. two minute silence and impressive ball arrival;
 - b. players escort on to the pitch by local young people;
 - c. Wives Choir singing their latest single; and
 - d. an awards presentation to charity partners.
11. In addition, the midday fixture will feature a U10's 5 aside mini game, and an over 60's walking football mini game.
12. **Tickets** - A family ticket (for one adult, and two children) to the afternoon game will cost £5. A family ticket (two adults, two children) to the evening game will cost £10. There is a concession price to both fixtures for any uniformed services, those under 16 years of age, students and senior citizens. A number of free tickets have been made available to schools, community and voluntary groups across Nottinghamshire.

The Legacy

13. A financial contribution from the County Council will help bring the Games of Remembrance to life, ensuring the fixtures and associated campaigns, community activities and wider county events will have maximum impact.
14. The Games will give many people a fantastic and inspirational day out to aid learning learn and enable people to make tributes. Further, the Games of Remembrance is also supporting a number of Charities, including The Royal British Legion, Football in the Community, and the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC).

Other Options Considered

15. None.

Reason for Recommendation

16. The County Council is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War through a range of events and community projects during 2018. This report outlines the proposed work to commemorate the Games of Remembrance to be played in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

18. The Games of Remembrance is led by the British Army Football Association in collaboration with a number of delivery partners and sponsorship from business and private donors.
19. The direct cost to the County Council associated with activities detailed in the report will be £10,000. It is anticipated that the costs will be met from the Contingency Budget. If approved, this use of contingency will be reported in the next Financial Monitoring Report submitted to Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To approve the allocation of up to £10,000 from the Council's Contingency Budget as a contribution towards the Games of Remembrance; and
- 2) That future updates on this area of work are made to the Communities and Place Committee.

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Constitutional Comments [SLB 08/10/2018]

20. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [SES 03/10/18]

21. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 19 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All