



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 and Advice

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, German and British soldiers crossed the trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. 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 carol singing. The most memorable image is that of men playing football matches.
4. Two football matches will be held on Thursday 8 November 2018 between the female and male members of the British Army and German Armed Forces.
5. Activities include a Fan Zone, music and exhibition-education areas. A number of Sporting legends and VIP's from both countries have been invited.
6. The Games of Remembrance is led by the British Army FA in collaboration with a number of delivery partners.

The power of football

7. The Games of Remembrance through the power of football 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, kick off at 12 noon. Attendance will focus on the young with many school trips planned. It is expected that 2000+ children will attend.
9. Nottingham Forest Football Club will host the men's match at the City Ground, kick off at 7pm.

10. Each fixture will consist of a two minute silence and impressive ball arrival, players escort on to the pitch by local young people, Wives Choir singing their latest single. Awards presentation to charity partners. In addition the midday fixture will feature a U10's 5 aside mini game and an over 60's walking football mini game.
11. Tickets: A family ticket (one adult and two children) to the afternoon game will cost £5. A family ticket (two adults and two children) to the evening game will cost £10. There is a concession price to both fixtures for any uniformed services, U16's, students and senior citizens.

The Legacy

12. The Social and Community Impact. Know your support will help bring the Games of Remembrance to life ensuring the fixtures and associated campaigns, community activities and wider county events have maximum impact.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The County Council will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Great War, including 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

14. 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

15. 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. A request for contingency funding will be made to Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) To agree to the development of proposals for the Games of Remembrance.
- 2) To make a request to Finance & Major Contracts Committee to approve up to £10,000 as a contribution towards the Games of Remembrance.
- 3) That future updates on this area of work are made to the Communities and Place Committee.
- 4) That appropriate publicity be undertaken as part of the programme of events.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments ([initials and date xx/xx/xx])

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Financial Comments ()

17. The financial implications are set out in the report.

HR Comments ([initials and date xx/xx/xx])

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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'