



10 January 2024

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS ON 6TH JUNE 2024

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval:
 - For the Council's Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Keith Girling, to attend the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings in France on 6th June 2024.
 - To allocate £1,381 from the appropriate revenue budget, held by Democratic Services to fund the cost of accommodation and travel.

Information

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at a conference or other event which is held outside the United Kingdom with any necessary accommodation and travel costs.
3. On 6 June 2024 it will be the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings which took place on 6 June 1944, with a series of major commemorations and events happening across the UK and in France. Also known as D-Day, the historic operation saw the Allied Forces mount a large-scale invasion of Nazi-occupied France that tipped the course of the Second World War in the Allies' favour.
4. The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (SRY) and South Notts Hussars (SNH), both took part in the historic D-Day landings. These Regiments and the Regimental Association have asked that the Council's Armed Forces Champion Councillor Keith Girling, join them to commemorate this occasion in France. If approved Councillor Girling will take part in a full itinerary, including civic and church services' wreath laying events and acts of remembrance.
5. In recognition of the sacrifices made by the 366 Nottinghamshire men who were killed during the Normandy campaign between June and August, and the sacrifice of their families, the Council's Armed Forces Champion has been asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council at the British Normandy Memorial just outside the village of Ver-sur-Mer overlooking Gold Beach, and to lay another wreath at the Bayeux War Cemetery.

Other Options Considered

6. The Council could consider not to do this.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To enable the Council to be represented at this key historic event demonstrating its intention to continually support the armed forces community and reflect its ongoing commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and the recent introduction of the Armed Forces Public Duties.
8. This provides a unique opportunity to commemorate and show respect for those who fought and died during the landings and Normandy campaign on the 80th anniversary in addition to the Council supporting Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day as it is also known, which marks the day that World War One ended in 1918.
9. Attendance of a councillor at a conference or other event which is held outside the UK must be approved in advance by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. The £1,381 cost of accommodation and travel is contained within the appropriate revenue budget, held by Democratic Services.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval be granted for the Armed Forces Champion to attend the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 2024.
- 2) That the £1,381 costs of travel and accommodation arrangements are approved from the appropriate revenue budget, held by Democratic Services.

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Constitutional Comments (LW – 21/12/2023)

12. The recommendations fall within the remit of Governance and Ethics Committee by virtue of its terms of reference and paragraph 8 of the Travel and Accommodation Policy

Financial Comments (PAA29 20/12/2023)

13. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 11. The anticipated cost of £1,381 for travel and accommodation will be met from the Democratic Services 2023/24 revenue budget.

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'