

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th February 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Great War Centenary 2014

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided a summary of the confirmed and planned events scheduled to take place that contribute to the Government's UK wide campaign to encourage local responses to the Great War Centenary during 2014 (GWC 2014).

The 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War was on 4 August 2014. A number of countries were making preparations to mark the centenary. Each nation would create a unique focus on its contribution to, and the impact and legacy of the Great War.

CMT agreed to set up a GWC 2014 Working Group, (which consisted of the Head of Democratic Services, the Libraries and Heritage Services Manager, and the Heritage Officer) to monitor and co-ordinate the current and future projects and initiatives to maximise participation and avoid duplication.

The report provided an update on progress that had been made and the current focus of the GWC 2014 Working Group.

Culture and Leisure Services were in the process of developing and preparing several local projects which were outlined in the original report. An update on the following projects was detailed within the report:-

Harvest Home
'World War I: Stockton and the wider war' Exhibition
Young Roots Heritage Lottery Bid
Heritage Website
Armed Forces Week
Remembrance Day (Sunday 9 November 2014)
Community Participation
Commemoration of those awarded the Victoria Cross
Regional World War One Commemoration Group
Arts Council Strategic Fund Bid

Digital Tapestry
War Graves Plaques
Sunflower Project

The initiatives outlined above were the known responses to the GWC 2014 campaign. In addition, interest was beginning to grow amongst members of the public, community groups, Parish Councils etc., wishing to support / develop activities of commemoration within the Borough. Some of these activities may require support / assistance from the Council to assist their delivery, and the Council's Events Programme Group would consider such requests and make recommendations to the Events Board as to which be supported and what the Council could offer each activity.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report outlining the Council's response to GWC 2014, and the other events and activities being planned and organised within the Borough by members of the public, community/voluntary groups, and Parish Councils etc be noted.
2. The Government's plans for commemoration of those awarded the Victoria Cross as part of a national initiative to commemorate the Great War Centenary during 2014 be noted.
3. The consultation held regarding the location for a commemorative paving stone in honour of Sergeant Edward 'Ned' Cooper, the Borough's only WW1 recipient of the Victoria Cross be noted, and the siting of the paving stone in an appropriate location within Stockton Town Centre be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform Cabinet of the Council's response to the Great War Centenary 2014.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 21st February 2014

Proper Officer
17 February 2014