

Regional Armed Forces Day 2018	16th May 2017
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and Champion
Outcome	Providing civic leadership to our citizens
Lead Officer	Chief Executive
Cost: (If applicable)	Tbc subject to engagement with the Ministry of Defence

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a proposal to host the regional Armed Forces Day in June 2018.

2.0 Background

2.1 Armed Forces Day an annual event that is a chance for local communities to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. Each year a main regional event takes place on the last Saturday in June. The Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland has approached the Council to offer the opportunity to host the event in 2018, marking one hundred years since the conclusion of the First World War.

2.2 If the Council accepts the offer, officers will engage with Ministry of Defence officials to define the scope and scale of the activities. There may be an opportunity to combine this proposal with other signature events in the area (for example in Coleraine or Ballymoney) to ensure the optimum use of resources.

3.0 Recommendation:

It is **recommended** that Committee consider the offer from the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association and recommend to the Council how it wishes to proceed.