

Title of Report:	108th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	28th May 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£1,600
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	No
Code	TBC
Staffing Costs	Yes

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	No
Legal Opinion Obtained	No

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to consider representation at The Somme Association services in France to commemorate the 108th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 2024.

2.0 Background

2.1 Correspondence has been received from The Somme Association inviting Council representatives to attend its services to commemorate the 108th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 2024 as follows:

14:30 Ulster Memorial Tower, Thiepval
16:30 16th (Irish) Division Memorial, Guillemont

2.2 The Mayor and Deputy Mayor (or their nominee) have represented Council in the past.

2.3 The Somme Association is no longer licenced to organise trips to the Somme therefore Council has to make its own arrangements and travel independently.

Suggested travel details and indicative costs are outlined below:

Date	Sun 30 th June - Tues 2 nd July	Cost pp
Flights	Belfast – Paris (Easyjet)	£332
Accommodation	The Holiday Inn, Arras	£275
Rail Travel	Paris - Arras	£75
Taxi/Rail Travel	Arras - Thiepval	£80
Cost		£762 (approx.)

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is **recommended** that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor represent Council at The Somme Association services and that, in the event of either being unable to attend a replacement is selected via D'Hondt.

3.2 It is further recommended that this process is applied annually for the four year term of this Council.