

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	Subject: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES AND SERVICES AND NATIONWIDE TWO MINUTES SILENCE	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 11 October 2004	Ref: JAF/AC	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the arrangements for the Council's involvement and participation in Remembrance Day commemoration events, 2004.
- 1.2 To advise the Committee of the Council's participation in the observance of the Nationwide Two Minutes Silence.

2. Background

- 2.1 Each year, the Council has considered the arrangements for its involvement and participation in Remembrance Day commemoration events. This year, Remembrance Day is Sunday 14 November 2004.
- 2.2 The Council has previously decided -
 - 1. to authorise the organisation of Remembrance Day services coinciding with Remembrance Sunday in Airdrie and Coatbridge [in alternate years] at 11:00 hours and in Motherwell at 15:00 hours;
 - 2. to participate in ceremonies in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth organised by the Royal British Legion Scotland, local Branches; and
 - 3. to be represented by elected members and officers, as appropriate, at other traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies held within the North Lanarkshire area.
- 2.3 It has also decided to support the call for a Nationwide Two Minutes Silence to observe the significance of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 Given the earlier decisions of the Council in respect of Remembrance Day parades and services and its previous acknowledgement of the significance of the period of Two Minutes Silence, it is assumed that the Council would wish to so continue in this regard and, accordingly, to agree -
 - 1. the organisation, under the auspices of the Council, of Remembrance Day parades and services on Sunday 14 November 2004 in Coatbridge at 11:00 hours and in Motherwell at 15:00 hours;
 - 2. participation by the Council, at the invitation of the Royal British Legion Scotland, in ceremonies in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth organised by that organisation;

3. representation by elected members and officers, as appropriate, at other traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies held in North Lanarkshire; and
4. support of the Nationwide Two Minutes Silence at 11:00 hours on Thursday 11 November 2004.

4. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee approves the proposals set out in paragraph 3.1 above.



Director of Administration

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