

# North Lanarkshire Council Report

## Finance and Resources

approval

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## Request to Fly the flag of the Spanish Republic

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### Executive Summary

This report is to consider the request by the No Pasaran Memorial Committee that the Council flies the flag of the Spanish Republic for a period of time to include Sunday 21 July 2019.

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### Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee approve the flying of the flag of the Spanish Republic at the Civic Centre from 19 to 22 July 2019.

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### Supporting Documents

**Council business plan to 2020** Improving relationships with communities and the Third Sector.

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#### 1. Background

1.1 It was previously the practice of the Council to follow the guidance for hoisting flags, which is issued annually by the Scottish Government, however, it was agreed at the Civic Functions group on 8 March 2018 to fly flags on Council buildings in accordance with the Scottish Government guidelines issued in January 2017, and that the Council's flag protocol no longer be varied annually to reflect variations to these guidelines.

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#### 2. Report

2.1 A request has been received from the No Pasaran Memorial Committee to fly the flag of the Spanish Republic for a period around Sunday 21 July 2019.

2.2 The request seeks recognition, by flying the flag, of the volunteers from the communities of North Lanarkshire who went to Spain to fight in defence of the elected Government of the Spanish Republic during the years 1936 to 1939. On 21 July 2019 the annual commemoration ceremony will take place at the

memorial to the volunteers in the Duchess of Hamilton Park, Motherwell. It is proposed that the flag be flown at the Civic Centre from 19 to 22 July 2019.

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**3. Equality and Diversity**

3.1 **Fairer Scotland**  
There is no impact.

3.2 **Equality Impact Assessment**  
There is no impact.

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**4. Implications**

4.1 **Financial Impact**  
There is no impact

4.2 **HR/Policy/Legislative Impact**  
There is no impact

4.3 **Environmental Impact**  
There is no impact

4.4 **Risk Impact**  
There is no impact

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**5. Measures of success**

5.1 To support local organisations.

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