

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Officer Delegated Decision by the Chief Executive – 05 September 2019

Report Title

Flag Protocol – Flying of Royal Air Forces Standard at Rotherham Town Hall

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Boston Castle

Report Summary

This report seeks the agreement of the Chief Executive to fly the Royal Air Forces (RAF) Standard at Rotherham Town Hall for the period from Monday 9 September to Monday 16 September 2019 to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Britain in 1940. This request has been made by Rotherham & District Royal Air Forces Association.

Recommendations

That the RAF Standard be flown from Rotherham Town Hall during the period from Monday 9 September to Monday 16 September 2019 to mark Battle of Britain week.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

Flag Protocol for Riverside House and Rotherham Town Hall

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Flag Protocol – Flying of Royal Air Forces Standard at Rotherham Town Hall

1. Background

1.1 The Council adopted a flag protocol in May 2017 which established two principles governing the decision making process for the flying of flags at Riverside House and Rotherham Town Hall:

(a) That the Council will follow the advice of the relevant Government department in respect of the dates upon and the manner in which flags are to be flown.

(b) That the requests for support for a cause or campaign, which by implication will include the flying of a flag, will require a decision by Members at a meeting of the Council.

2. Key Issues

2.1 A request has been received from the Rotherham and District Royal Air Forces Association to fly the RAF Standard from Rotherham Town Hall from Monday 9 September to Monday 16 September 2019. The request has been made to commemorate the Battle of Britain in 1940.

2.2 The request falls outside of the agreed Flag Protocol adopted by the authority in May 2017. The Chief Executive has delegated authority to determine such requests, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 It is recommended that the RAF Standard be flown from Rotherham Town Hall from Monday 9 September to Monday 16 September 2019, Battle of Britain Week.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Leader of the Council has been consulted and is supportive of the request from the Rotherham and District Royal Air Forces Association. .

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Head of Democratic Services will be accountable for the implementation of this decision and the flying of RAF Standard at Rotherham Town Hall.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications associated with this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no implications for children and young people or vulnerable adults associated with this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no equalities or human rights implications associated with this report.

11. Implications for Partners

11.1 There are no implications for partners.

12. Risks and Mitigation

12.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

13. Accountable Officer(s)

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