



COUNCIL – 17TH JULY 2018

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ‘THANK YOU’ AND ‘EVERY ONE REMEMBERED’ CAMPAIGNS

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor A. Whitcombe (Armed Forces Champion) and is supported by Councillor J. Bevan and Councillor J. Simmonds.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council’s Constitution and in accordance with the Council’s Rules of Procedure is now referred to Council for consideration.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within the Council’s Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council’s Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Councillor A. Whitcombe requests in his Notice of Motion that:-

Caerphilly County Borough Council confirm their support for the Royal British Legion Thank You Campaign in remembrance of the 1.1 million Service men and women who gave their lives in World War 1 by highlighting the ‘Every One Remembered’ initiative to commemorate every one of them by the end of 2018.

4.2 Background Information

The Royal British Legion is marking the centenary of the First World War (2014 to 2018) with commemorations in the UK and Republic of Ireland with a focus on Remembrance, education and legacy. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/>

The Royal British Legion is inviting the British public to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and changed the world. Between 8th August and 11th November 2018, the Legion will be asking the nation to say 'Thank You' in their own way, whether it be through family, community, place of work, or simply as an individual. The Royal British Legion are encouraging everyone to explore the First World War heritage where they live and find reasons for giving thanks.

Further details of the campaign, together with the latest news, how to get involved, resources available, and events taking place can be found at

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/thank-you/>

The Royal British Legion, in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, have also developed Every One Remembered, a project to individually commemorate over 1 million Commonwealth Service men and women who were killed during the First World War.

The losses were felt in almost every town and village in the UK and throughout this borough. The Royal British Legion would like to see each and every one of these men and women individually commemorated throughout the WW1 centenary years. Every One Remembered is an opportunity for the public to be part of a great collective act of Remembrance.

Commemorations can be made at www.everyoneremembered.org and visitors to the website can choose to commemorate someone they know - a relative or person on a local war memorial - or commemorate someone randomly selected for them.

Reasons for the Motion

- 4.3 To highlight the Royal British Legion 'Thank You' and 'Every One Remembered' campaigns, reaffirm the Council's commitment to support the Armed Forces community, and remember those that served and fell.
- 4.4 The Council has pledged its support to the Armed Forces Community Covenant, and through its Champion the motion seeks to encourage the recognition and remembrance of the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 4.1 above and make an appropriate recommendation.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

11.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Local Government Act 1972.

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Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion