

CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Agenda Item 6

Meeting	Civic Matters Sub-Committee
Date	Wednesday 31 January 2018
Report Title	Civic Events
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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Councillors on the planning and event project for the forthcoming Civic Commonwealth Day event on Monday 12 March 2018.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Following a meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 22 January 2018, members from the 9 Regiment, Hullavington, Officers from Chippenham Town Council and the Mayor discussed the previous events held on Commonwealth Day.
- 2.2 Due to deployment of soldiers, the 9 Regiment are unable to supply the staff and commitments as in previous years. After an in-depth discussion, the following has been agreed for Commonwealth Day on Monday 12 March 2018.
- 2.3 Dignitaries and Councillors will be invited to attend the flag raising ceremony at 10am, where a traditional dance / song will take place in the High Street followed by the traditional flag folding etc.
Local schools will be invited to send two representatives and a Teacher to attend the flag raising ceremony.

Following the flag raising, Dignitaries, Councillors and school representatives will be invited into the Town Hall where there will be a presentation by 9TLR and stands relevant to Commonwealth Day. Refreshments will be served in the town hall.

Following the presentation in the Town Hall, items of traditional dress will be displayed in the Foyer.

The event will come to a conclusion at 12 noon at the latest.

Following discussion, Commonwealth national dress may be displayed on mannequins rather than soldiers wearing them, soldiers will be in attendance to answer questions.

3.0 CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES

- i Corporate Priority 4 - To Promote Chippenham as a destination market town based on our rich heritage, history and culture.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Staffing implications will be covered within the Town Hall staff, this will be a team effort.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Councillors to note the date and the report.