

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT MUSEUM

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to make a contribution to The Royal Anglian Regiment appeal for a Regimental Memorial and for museum enhancements to cover the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

2 Executive Summary

The Royal Anglian Regiment is requesting support from Wellingborough, as one of the Regiment's Freedom Towns, for the construction of a Royal Anglian Regimental Memorial and for enhancements to the displays at the regiment's Museum at Duxford Cambridgeshire as part of a public appeal. Given the Freedom links and the close relationship of the Regiment to the Borough it is recommended that the Council support the Regiment's appeal and make a suitable donation toward the Regimental Memorial.

3 Appendices

None.

4. Proposed Action:

- 4.1 **The Committee is invited to RECOMMEND that the Council support the Royal Anglian Regiment appeal for a Regimental Memorial and for Museum enhancements to cover the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns and make a donation of £1,000 in support of the commissioning and erection of a Regimental Memorial.**

5 Background

- 5.1 The Royal Anglian Regiment is the County Regiment for East Anglia and the East Midlands. The Regiment is a holder of the Freedom of the Borough and has enjoyed a close relationship with the Borough for many years and has a number of local people as soldiers.
- 5.2 The Regimental Museum was set up in 1996 and is situated at The Imperial War Museum, Duxford in Cambridgeshire. The Regiment has distinguished itself in Iraq and Afghanistan but at considerable cost and the need for a Regimental Memorial was agreed to commemorate the 78 soldiers killed on duty in many campaigns over the last 50 years.
- 5.3 The Regiment has raised a considerable sum from serving and retired members and a public appeal a further £185,000 towards a target of £340,000. A sum of £80,000 for the Memorial remains to be raised within the public appeal.

6 Discussion

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Council support the appeal and make a donation of £1,000 towards the commissioning and erection of the Regimental Memorial.

- 6.2 The donation is proposed in support of the social well-being of the area in that the Anglian Regiment comprises a number of local people and indeed the Regimental Memorial will be in part in commemoration of those local soldiers who have given their lives in Regimental campaigns. The opportunity to commemorate their contribution will be of social benefit to colleagues and family.

7 Legal Powers

- 7.1 Local Government Act 2000 s2

8 Financial and Value For Money Implications

- 8.1 The donation to the Royal Anglian Regimental Memorial appeal will be for £1,000 and can be met from the general fund contingency.

9 Risk Analysis

Nature of risk	Consequences if realised	Likelihood of occurrence	Control measures
None assessed	None	N/A	N/A

10 Implications for Resources

- 10.1 There are no staffing or property resources affected.

11 Implications for Stronger and Safer Communities

- 11.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy contains an outcome that 'people should get on well together' and seeks to support the integration of communities, working with and supporting young people, promoting understanding of different cultures and faiths in order to build confidence and create a sense of belonging about living within the Borough. Supporting the commemoration of those soldiers killed in action through a donation to the Royal Anglian Regimental Memorial appeal will contribute to the social well-being of the area.

12 Implications for Equalities

- 12.1 None

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15 Background Papers

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