
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date: 26 March 2013
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources	Report No: HC/LA/985/13
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Subject:	Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive to agree to a request by the 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (5 SCOTS) to parade through Port Glasgow on 11 June 2013	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise of the use of the emergency powers procedure, to approve a request submitted by the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, now officially known as the 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (5 SCOTS).

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (5 SCOTS), wrote to the Provost, requesting permission to march through Greenock on 11 June 2013.
- 2.2 The Provost and Members' Services Manager met with the representatives from the Regiment on Wednesday 31 January 2013. During the discussion, it was agreed that due to other events taking place in Greenock Town Hall, the march, if approved, would take place in Port Glasgow.
- 2.3 The use of the powers delegate to the Chief Executive was sought as the Regiment required a response by the end of February to assist with their planning requirements.
- 2.4 Authority was granted by Councillors McCabe, Clocherty and Brooks and the Chief Executive

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee note the use of the emergency powers procedure for the above.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Battalion which comprises 350 personnel, would assemble at the Comet car park on 10.30am on 11 June. The Battalion would be transported in 7 buses and parking would require to be arranged.
- 4.2 The Battalion propose to commence the march at 11am, using the same route used by uniformed organisations annually on Remembrance Sunday. The Battalion will assemble at the Civic Square/Comet Car Park and will proceed along Princes Street, down John Wood Street, turning left onto Fore Street, past the Cenotaph, through the bus station, along Scarlow Street and return to the Comet car park, where the parade will disperse.
- 4.3 During the parade, it is customary for the Provost to take the salute and it is proposed that this take place at the Port Glasgow Cenotaph. This will see the parade stop for approximately 2 to 3 minutes.
- 4.4 At the conclusion of the march, the Provost would like to extend an invitation to the Battalion to retire to the Port Glasgow Town Hall for refreshments, prior to departing.
- 4.5 The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has been consulted and has confirmed that there would be no traffic management issues or costs associated with the event.
- 4.6 The Corporate Communications Manager would also be required to widely publicise the event and there is currently no spare capacity in the advertising budget to cover this type of promotion.
- 4.7 The estimated costs to host the event will be in the region of £3000.
- 4.8 The Battalion have been given approval from Falkirk Council to march on 13 June and by Stirling Council to march on 14 June. They have also submitted a request to march through Paisley on 12th June and are awaiting a reply.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications - One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Common Good	Events Contingency	2013/14	£3,000		

Financial Implications - Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

5.2 Personnel: None

5.3 Legal: None

6.0 EQUALITIES

6.1 There are no equalities issues.