



Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Invitation to attend the Great War Commemoration Concert
Date:	Friday 21 February 2014
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services (Ext 3260)

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Council has received a letter from The Soldiers Charity asking that the Council consider reserving places at an event in the Waterfront Hall on the 8 th March entitled "The Great War Commemoration Concert". The Soldiers Charity provides lifetime support to serving and retired soldiers and their families.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Great War Commemoration concert will be an event to mark the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the World War I. It will be hosted by UTV's Paul Clarke and will feature the band, bugle, pipes and drums of the Royal Irish Regiment, plus a number of other artists.
2.2	The event will specifically commemorate the contribution of the whole of Ireland during WWI and as such there will be a wide representation from across the island at the event.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	Tickets for the event cost £29.00 each and the cost of attendance can be met from within existing revenue budgets.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	The event seeks to commemorate the Great War, and as such would sit within the Council's overall approach to marking the Decade of Centenaries.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is requested to consider the above invitation and to decide if it wishes to reserve places at the concert. If so, it is suggested that the Committee consider reserving 8 places for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and

	one Member from each of the Parties on council (or their nominees).
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