



Subject:	Annual Day of Reflection
Date:	25th March, 2022
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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To seek approval for the Council to hold a Day of Reflection on 21st June 2022 and every year on that date thereafter, to support those who wish to reflect, in order to acknowledge the deep hurt and pain caused by the conflict in and about Northern Ireland.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to agree that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Council holds a Day of Reflection on 21st June, 2022 and every year on that date thereafter;• officers engage and consult with Healing and Remembering regarding the format of the Day of Reflection;• the City Hall be illuminated on 21st June, 2022 to mark the Day of Reflection.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 208 421 237"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 255 1474 389">3.1 At the Council meeting held on 1st March 2022, Members agreed that the Party Leaders would discuss the potential for holding a day of reflection to acknowledge the deep hurt and pain caused by the conflict in and about Northern Ireland.</p> <p data-bbox="165 456 1474 645">3.2 Further to discussions on this subject, Party Group Leaders were content that the Council should host a day of reflection and that this would be a space for quiet reflection for individuals to attend. This would take place within City Hall and would be open to members of the public throughout the day.</p> <p data-bbox="165 712 1474 792">3.3 The format for the day could include aspects such as poetry reading, music, quiet time and some form of physical animation.</p> <p data-bbox="165 860 1474 1048">3.4 Party Group Leaders were in agreement that the most suitable date for a Day of Reflection was 21st June, whereby the Council would participate in the wider Day of Reflection and that officers would engage and consult with Healing Through Remembering who promote the Day.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1115 1474 1249">3.5 Members may also wish to agree that the City Hall be illuminated in appropriate colours to mark the Private Day of Reflection on 21 June 2022. Yellow is the brand colour currently used for the Day of Reflection.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1317 788 1346"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1368 1474 1449">3.6 The costs envisaged within a Day of Reflection will be borne from within the District Council's Good Relations Action Plan budget.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1516 836 1545"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1568 1474 1648">3.7 The aim of the Day of Reflection would be included within the Council's Good Relations Action Plan and as such will be screened for Equality, Good Relations and Rural Needs.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None