

Agenda Item No: 6

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 16 September 2013

Report Title: World War I commemoration

Report By: Cathy Walling
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Purpose of Report

to inform members of the planned application to HLF for funding a programme of activity to mark the centenary of World War I

Recommendation(s)

- 1. that the Committee accepts the report**

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. Hastings Museum is planning a programme of exhibitions and events entitled 'Hastings Remembers... A Five-Year Programme of First World War Centenary Activities

2. A project enquiry form was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (Our Heritage Grant Fund) on 25/07/13, outlining plans for a programme of activities starting in January 2014 and ending in December 2018. Following feedback from their adviser, the Museum is working with a freelance museum consultant to tighten up the proposal in line with HLF objectives, with a view to submitting the completed application by November, requesting grant of around £30,000.

3. The programme will focus on getting a local perspective on world events, using the Museum's First World War collections alongside stories, memories and objects from the residents of Hastings. We have a series of key themes that the project will investigate:

- Year 1 (2014) – Overview and an introduction to the Centenary
- Year 2 (2015) – The role of women at home, at work, in service
- Year 3 (2016) – Recruitment, conscription and conscientious objectors
- Year 4 (2017) – Refugees, aliens and the war beyond Europe
- Year 5 (2018) – Soldiers' stories, Roll of Honours and the legacy of the First World War

4. There will be two strands of activity: 1) heritage research, documentation & digitisation; and 2) engagement through exhibitions (both at the Museum and in community venues) and outreach activities (individuals, community groups & education settings). We will have a project team, which will include a project co-ordinator, oral historian, volunteers and various specialists, as appropriate for the activity. Training, production of resources and developing the Museum's use of social networking will run through the project.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

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