

**Agenda Item No:** 9

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 25 February 2013

**Report Title:** Proposals for Centenary Commemoration of World War 1

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### **Purpose of Report**

to inform members of plans for the centenary commemoration in 2014 of the outbreak of World War 1.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. the report is for noting**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

1. The Museum will be developing a programme for 2014 commemorating the outbreak of WWI.
2. The Education Officer has been to an HLF-led session about possibilities for regional/national/international projects and partnership, plus the support & resources on offer from the Imperial War Museum. This session also laid out plans for the whole of the 4-year commemorations (ie 1916 is the year for WWI on film)
3. The Museum has registered with the official Remembering WWI projects website.
4. The Exhibitions Officer has identified a temporary exhibition slot in the 2014 programme from August - November. The content has not yet been finalised, but may include Ministry of Information and recruitment posters and the work created through outreach projects. The Imperial War Museum is making a number of resources available based on its own collections, which include high res print quality photos, timeline etc which can be incorporated into exhibitions.
5. The Museum will produce a resource pack of archive material which will be available for local education/community groups. This will offer a portrait of the town in 1914, and will include a digital copy of the 1914/15 directory.
6. We will be developing a project with young people called 14-14-14 -- where 14 14-year olds from the Hastings Academy will be working on a project on this theme. This will be the second collaboration for the Museum with the Eggtooth Project at the Hastings Academy. Our first planning meeting will take place in March 2013, after which we'll have a better idea of the type of activity and funding requirements.
7. Other partnership projects will be investigated, including, for example, working with the Women's Voice group looking at the role of women a hundred years ago, investigating the life stories of soldiers from local war memorials, etc. We hope to develop a project with at least one local school.

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## Wards Affected

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## Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings

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## Policy Implications

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

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

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### Background Information

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