

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 December 2021

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	The Falklands 40th Anniversary Proposals
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Strong and inclusive communities

Purpose:

To set out proposals regarding how the Council and local community could mark and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict on 14 June 2022.

Executive summary:

The 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict will take place in 2022. It is proposed that the Council aims to help Borough residents commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict by:

- Staging a public event in Fareham Town Centre, including community activities and a Freedom March by HMS Collingwood; and
- An adaptation to the existing Falklands Arch

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that in order to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict, the Executive approves:

- (a) a public event be organised in Fareham Town Centre, including community activities and a Freedom March by HMS Collingwood;
- (b) an adaption to the Falklands Arch; and
- (c) officers be authorised to make formal approaches to, and hold discussions on behalf of the Council with, HMS Collingwood, other agencies and VIPs to plan the event.

Reason:

It is important to recognise the sacrifice made by those who fought and died in the Falklands Conflict and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the conflict on 14 June 2022.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of the proposals is £20,120.

Appendices: **None**

Background papers: **None**

Reference papers: **None**

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by:	Director of Leisure and Community
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INTRODUCTION

1. The 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict will take place on 14 June 2022.
2. It is proposed that an event is held in West Street. As part of the event, HMS Collingwood will exercise their right to Freedom of the Borough by marching through the town with 'colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed'.
3. The last time the Council held an event similar to this was in 2012 when we commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict.

BACKGROUND

4. There are many Fareham residents who were either involved in or affected by the Falklands Conflict; the Falklands Arch in West Street was installed and opened on 12 May 2007 by Baroness Margaret Thatcher to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Falklands conflict.
5. Two new plaques containing the names of the 255 British task force servicemen who lost their lives in the conflict were added to the Falklands Arch to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Falklands conflict in June 2012.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

6. It is proposed that the Council aims to help Borough residents commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands conflict by:
 - Staging a public event in Fareham Town Centre in May 2022, including, a Freedom March by HMS Collingwood and a thanksgiving service; and
 - Adaption of the Falklands Arch
7. It is important to recognise the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict on 14 June 2022, as part of the public event involving HMS Collingwood and the Falklands Veterans.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

A Major Public Event

8. The Council will organise a public event in Fareham Town Centre in May 2022. This will include:-
- A Freedom March by HMS Collingwood, including a service of thanksgiving; and
 - A Civic Ceremony and unveiling of a new element to the Falklands Arch.

Falklands Arch

9. It is customary in Fareham, to commemorate important landmark dates with a piece of public art, and in 2007 the Falklands Arch was unveiled.
10. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict it is proposed that new features be incorporated into the existing arch and an additional plaque mounted on to it, noting the date it was enhanced and what it represents.

RISK ASSESSMENT

11. The main risks associated with hosting the proposed event are as follows:-
- Crowd control. Risks will be mitigated through liaison with the Council's Safety Advisory Group (SAG) where necessary, the Police and the use of stewards and crowd control barriers.
 - Security of armed forces personnel. Arrangements will be made between HMS Collingwood and the Police.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The table below outlines the projected cost for all elements detailed within this report.

Description	Cost
A Civic Ceremony	£12,000
Additional features added to the Falklands Arch	£8,120
Total cost	£20,120

13. The cost for the Civic Ceremony is likely to be no more than £12,000 and would include the cost of all support required such as seating, road closures, crowd control barriers, sound system hire, set-up crew and promotional material.
14. No budget has currently been allocated for this purpose, but if the recommendation is agreed, then the Executive are requested to agree the sum of £20,120 to be added to the 2021/22 revenue budget as a one-off item, funded from General Fund reserves.

CONSULTATIONS

15. Preliminary discussions have taken place with HMS Collingwood and the Lord

Lieutenant's office. If approved it would be necessary to contact all other relevant parties to provide adequate notice of the event, to ensure that it is a success.

16. It is also important that adequate publicity is put into place as soon as possible to ensure that the event is well attended.

CONCLUSION

17. It is important to recognise the sacrifice made by those who fought and died in the Falklands Conflict and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the conflict on 14 June 2022.

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