

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 25 MARCH 2014  
title: WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMERATION  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree how the Council will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This year sees the centenary of the commencement of World War One. Such an important milestone should not take place without the Council remembering those who lost their lives and also raising the awareness of the lasting impact which the war has had on everyone.

### 3 HOW THE ANNIVERSARY WILL BE MARKED

- 3.1 The Corporate Management Team considered how the Council could mark the anniversary and suggest the following:-
- A Civic Service on Sunday 3 August 2014 at St Mary's Church, Clitheroe.
  - Planting an Oak Tree in every parish within the Ribble Valley.
  - Giving Poppy Seeds to Schools and Children with the Ribble Valley.
- 3.2 If Committee agree with this approach we will develop in more detail a detailed programme.
- 3.3 The estimated cost of the above will be approximately £5,000 but grant aid is being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If grant aid was not forthcoming I would suggest funding from unspent Performance Reward Grant is used.

### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 Resources: The estimated cost is £5,000.
- Technical: None.
- Political: None.
- Reputation: It is important the Council plays its part in ensuring this anniversary is marked.
- Equality: None

### 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Agree with the suggested approach to commemorating the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE