

**To: Council**

**On: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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**Report by: Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders: Thin Red Line Appeal**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have launched the Thin Red Line Appeal which seeks to fund a redevelopment of the Regimental Museum located at Stirling Castle.
  - 1.2 The Museum Trust have written to Renfrewshire Council requesting that the Council contribute to the appeal fund.
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**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Council agrees to make a donation of £1,000 to the Thin Red Line Appeal fund in recognition of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders close links to the Renfrewshire Area.
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**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Museum is located at Stirling Castle. The Museum Trust are embarking on a major redevelopment of the Museum. It is intended that the revised Museum

will set out the story of the Regiment (now a Battalion within the Royal Regiment of Scotland) against the social history of Scotland, covering such aspects as the Highland Clearances, shipbuilding and the industrialisation of the Central Belt of Scotland. The Museum will provide a focal point for activities of veterans and serving soldiers.

- 3.2 The project has recently been granted funding by the National Lottery. The Museum Trust have launched the Thin Red Line Appeal seeking to raise an additional £200,000 towards the total cost of the redevelopment. The Regiment have written to Renfrewshire Council asking that we make a contribution to the project.
- 3.3 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have historic links with Renfrewshire. Many Renfrewshire citizens have served in the Regiment/Battalion with distinction. In 2011 the Council recognised those links and admitted the Battalion as honorary Freemen of Renfrewshire.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the Council makes a donation of £1,000 to the Appeal in recognition of Renfrewshire's links to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

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### Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – As set out in the Report and to be met from existing funds
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** – None
4. **Legal** – None
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - None
8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Risk** – N/A

## List of Background Papers - None

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