

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Report Originator	Strategic Management Team	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i> C13/002	
Wards Affected	All	23rd April 2014	
Title	FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the intention of the Royal Anglian Regiment to exercise their right to march through the streets of Kettering following the granting of Freedom of the Borough by the Council in December 2011.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 At a special meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2011, the Freedom of the Borough of Kettering was formally granted by Council to the Royal Anglian Regiment. This honour was bestowed upon the Regiment in recognition of its close connection with the counties of the east of England, including Northamptonshire, and in support of the work of the armed forces in recent years in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 2.2. The Regiment has been granted Freedom of a large number of Boroughs throughout the UK, including Northampton, Wellingborough, Bedford, Huntingdon and Harborough.
- 2.5. Following the granting of the Freedom of the Borough, the Regiment has indicated its intention of exercise its right to march through the streets of Kettering at 3.40 pm on Monday, 21st July 2014.
- 2.6 The march will begin at the London Road Car Park, continue past Horsemarket into Silver Street, and then continue along Gold Street, High Street and Sheep Street. The Regiment will halt in Sheep Street in front of a dias erected on the Market Place for civic dignitaries, where speeches will be given. The march will then resume along Sheep Street into Bowling Green Road and conclude at the London Road car park. Following the march, the Mayor will host a reception for soldiers, guests, civic dignitaries and councillors at the Kettering Conference Centre.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1 Consultation will be carried out with businesses and residents in the town centre prior to the event.

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4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1. None

5. USE OF RESOURCES

The one-off cost of the regimental march and reception can be contained within existing budgets.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That following the grant of Freedom of the Borough by the Council in December 2011, members note the date of the Royal Anglian Regiment visit to Kettering on Monday, 21st July 2014 to exercise their right to march through the streets of Kettering

Background Papers:

Title

Date

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