

Committee:	Date:
Policy and Resources Committee	5 July 2018
Subject: City Sponsorship of <i>There But Not There</i> – National Armistice Project	Public
Report of: Town Clerk City Remembrancer	For Decision

Summary

A national project *There But Not There* has been established by the charity Remembered with the three aims to commemorate those who lost their lives in the First World War, to educate the wider public and in particular young persons of the impact of war, and to raise monies for projects designed to heal contemporary veterans who are suffering from mental and/or physical wounds resulting from their service. The project is displaying silhouettes and other representational images of those who gave their lives throughout the United Kingdom to recognise their sacrifice.

Following an approach to the Town Clerk, this report seeks Member agreement for the City of London Corporation to become a corporate sponsor of the project and to make a donation of £15,000 to be met out of the Policy Initiatives Fund. In recognition of this contribution, approximately one hundred silhouette figures would be displayed in the Great Hall and the main reception areas to commemorate who lost their lives in the War and whose names are recorded on the plaque at the main entrance to Great Hall. There is scope for those figures to be displayed at locations throughout the wider City of London to raise further awareness of the project.

Recommendation

Members are invited to approve the making of a donation of £15,000 to the Charity 'Remembered' to be met out of your Committee's 2018/19 Policy Initiatives Fund, categorised under 'Promoting the City' and charged to City's Cash.

Main Report

1. Almost a million British and Commonwealth service men and women lost their lives in the First World War. Building on the success in 2014 of 'Poppies in the Tower' in drawing attention to the sacrifice made in the First World War, the *There But Not There* campaign is intended to commemorate the fallen; educate young people about the First World War; and help today's war veterans. *There But Not There* will provide a national commemoration by placing art installations, mainly in the form of silhouettes representing individual service personnel throughout the UK wherever there is a roll of honour. Installations have already taken place at sites including the Tower of London, King's Cross St Pancras and the Devil's Causeway in Northern Ireland.
2. Smaller figures ('Tommies') will also be produced for sale. The Royal British Legion will assist in the making and distribution of the installations and the smaller figures.

Funds raised through corporate sponsorship and the sale of the smaller figures directly benefit service charities.

3. The campaign, led by former Chief of the General Staff, Lord Dannatt, and supported by other leading figures including the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, aims to raise £15 million for charities including the Royal Foundation (in support of mental health and wellbeing), the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation, Walking With The Wounded (helping vulnerable veterans to re-integrate into society), Combat Stress (treating veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), Help for Heroes, and Project Equinox (a housing scheme in Plymouth for 40 single veterans).
4. Members are invited to agree that the City Corporation should make a donation of £15,000 to the Charity in support of the project. The City Corporation would receive a number of silhouettes matching the number of Members, Members' sons and Corporation staff who lost their lives in the service of this Country as displayed on the rolls of Honour located outside the main entrance to the Great Hall. It is anticipated that the silhouettes would at the very least be exhibited in the Great Hall and the main reception areas in Autumn 2018.
5. Subject to Members' approval of the City Corporation becoming a corporate sponsor of the project, there is also scope for the City providing further support, for example through educational outreach and through promoting the project amongst City Business and the Livery.
6. The November 2018 sitting of the Court of Common Council is an informal meeting but the opportunity could be taken at the October or December meeting to display the silhouettes in the Great Hall (representing Members and Members' sons and staff who lost their lives) after which the figures would be made available to the City Churches for display by them by way of commemoration.
7. City of London Corporation support for *There But Not There* and in particular its aim to support contemporary veterans would be in line with the City's commitment to the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

Appendix

- **Appendix 1:** Photograph of example silhouette

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