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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 14
DATE OF MEETING:	9 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	ARMED FORCES DAY 2009	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

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### **1.0 Reason for Exempt**

1.1 Not applicable.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 The Council's instructions are requested.

### **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To consider plans for Armed Forces Day in 2009.

### **4.0 Detail**

4.1 The Government has announced that the first British Armed Forces Day (AFD) will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June this year. The Day will be an opportunity for the whole nation to show its appreciation for the contribution made by all those who serve or have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

4.2 It is planned to mark the occasion with a wide range of community-led events taking place in towns and cities around the country. One of the official activities taking place is the raising of a unique AFD flag within all the Boroughs, Districts, Cities and County Council areas in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The flag raising will take place at 10.30 am on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 and those local authorities wishing to take part will be provided with one 6' x 3' AFD Flag, free of charge.

### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 None

### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 As outlined in the report.

### **7.0 Background Papers**

7.1 None