

APPROVAL FOR MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS/VISITS

involving travel abroad / individual costs exceeding £500 / aggregate costs for more than one member of £1,000

Name of Member(s) travelling: Cllr John Aldridge (Chairman)

Name of officers also attending (if any) None
(to allow the Committee to make a full assessment of ECC representation)

Details of the visit/event (incl. dates): Saturday 8 April 2017

To represent Essex at the memorial to the Essex Regiment/Essex Yeomanry at the memorial at Monchy-le-Preux, France. To commemorate the centenary of the battles around the village.

See attached summary of the background to the memorial and the order of service/wreath laying on behalf of ECC.

Estimated cost of the visit: £ 0.00

Rationale for the estimated cost:

* Please note you will need to demonstrate that in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme three quotes have been obtained before booking foreign hotels.

n/a

Purpose of the visit and anticipated value to the County Council:

The ceremony will be conducted by the Mayor of Monchy-le-Preux and will be accompanied by the Préfet of the Pas de Calais and the Sénateur of the region. The memorial service will include among the guests the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Petre, and representatives of the Essex Regiment, the Essex Yeomanry and the Royal Anglian Regiment who will all participate in the laying of wreaths.

The presence of the Chairman will represent the people of Essex.

It is understood that Essex media are invited to record the event.

Comments of the Chief Executive

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Approved

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Comments of the Section 151 Officer