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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands  
Area Committee**

**Customer Services**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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**Holocaust Memorial Day**

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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day which is held on 27 January each year and asks that Members of the Area Committee provide support to any events which are taking place in the local area.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day asking that consideration is given to organising an activity for the day on 27 January 2016. This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The Area Committee agrees:-

- (1) to note that Holocaust Memorial Day will take place on 27 January 2016; and
- (2) that Members offer their support for events which are taking place in the local area where appropriate, and promote the opportunity for communities to participate in the commemoration.

**4.0 DETAIL**

4.1 Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year, and is an opportunity for everyone to learn the lessons of the past; challenge ourselves to work to end discrimination and racism; and pledge to help create a safer, better future. In 2015 over 3,600 activities took place across the UK.

4.2 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of the Day asking that consideration be given to organising an activity to commemorate the day on 27 January 2016. Similar requests have been received in the past, for example the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and The Big Lunch, in both of these cases Members agreed that the events would be promoted in their communities and support would be offered if appropriate.

4.3 It should be noted that a number of schools in Council area participate annually in commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day as part of their PSE curriculum. Any further information provided by the organisers of the Day will be circulated

to relevant services to allow for appropriate support to be provided.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

5.1 This report sets out proposals to support Holocaust Memorial Day which is taking place on 27 January 2016.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	None
6.3	Legal	None
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	None
6.7	Customer Service	None

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## **APPENDICES**

None