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**REPORT TO:** Members' Library Service

**DATE:**

**BY:** Executive Director (Support Services)

**SUBJECT:** Arrangements for the award of the Freedom of East Lothian to The Royal Regiment of Scotland

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To report on arrangements for the award of the Freedom of East Lothian to The Royal Regiment of Scotland (to be accepted on their behalf by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Royal Scots Borderers, formerly the Royal Scots).

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve the arrangements for the award of the Freedom of East Lothian to The Royal Regiment of Scotland, at a ceremony to be held in Haddington on Friday 19 April 2013.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On the nomination of the Provost, seconded by the Leader of the Council, East Lothian Council resolved, at its meeting held on 23 October 2012, to present the award of the Freedom of East Lothian to The Royal Regiment of Scotland, (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion [1 SCOTS]) in honour of their long and proud association with East Lothian and its communities.
- 3.2 The Council instructed officials to make the necessary arrangements for a Freedom of East Lothian parade and presentation ceremony to be held in Haddington on 19 April 2013, following the return of the Battalion from their 6-month tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- 3.3 It was further agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Provost and Leader of the Council, to approve detailed proposals, these to be the subject of this report to the Members' Library.

- 3.4 A Homecoming Parade and Freedom Award ceremony will take place outside the Council offices in Court Street, Haddington, on Friday 19 April at 11am. The Freedom of East Lothian Medal and scroll will be presented by the Provost, Councillor Ludovic Broun-Lindsay and the salute will be taken by the Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian, Sir Garth Morrison.
- 3.5 The Council will also host a civic lunch in honour of the Royal Regiment, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Haddington at the conclusion of the parade.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – The cost of providing civic lunch and refreshments for the troops and other guests is £13.50 a head based on an estimated attendance of 240. The cost of producing the Freedom medal is £915. Other costs associated with the organisation of the event have still to be determined, these to include the erection of temporary street barriers and temporary removal of some items of street furniture.
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other - None

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Nomination for the Freedom of East Lothian – report to East Lothian Council, 23 October 2012.
- 7.2 Approved Scheme for the Award of the Freedom of East Lothian – East Lothian Council, January 2005

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