
Report To:	Education and Communities Committee	Date:	4 September 2018
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Subject:	Emergency Services Day – 999 Day – on the Ninth of September		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to highlight to members the National Emergency Services Day and to seek approval for the council to fly a specially designed flag to commemorate the work done by the emergency services.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The National Emergency Services Day across the UK will begin at 9am on the ninth of September annually (the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month) with the first 999 day taking place in Heaton Park, Manchester.
- 2.2 The aim of the official National Emergency Services Day is to promote the work of the emergency services, promote efficiency, educate the public, and promote volunteering opportunities.
- 2.3 Public authorities across the country have been asked to fly a flag from public buildings to show support for the emergency services.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It's recommended that the Education and Communities Committee:
- Supports Emergency Services Day and approves the flying of a flag above the Council's headquarters on Emergency Services Day annually.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Emergency Services Day is supported by the UK prime Minister and the First Ministers of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- 4.2 The organisers of emergency services day aim to position the day on a par with the annual Armed forces day and have worked with them to design a complementary flag.
- 4.3 The day aims to:
- Promote volunteering across the emergency services including special constabulary, NHS community responders, retained firefighters, RNLI and coastguard volunteers.
 - Promote using the emergency services responsibly.
 - Educate the public on essential skills including how to be safe in the water, fire safety, crime prevention, and basic yet essential lifesaving skills.
 - Be an excellent event for emergency services charities to fundraise, raise their profile, and generate support.
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- 4.4 In recent years, the Inverclyde community has seen first-hand the bravery of Scotland's emergency services.
- 4.5 In August 2016, Andy Adams, watch manager with Scottish Fire and Rescue Services based in Greenock sustained life-changing injuries when a wall collapsed during firefighting operations in the town.
- 4.6 Just this year Police Scotland's PC Laura Sayer and PC Kenny MacKenzie sustained injuries in the line of duty following an incident in Greenock.

5.0 FLYING THE FLAG AND SHOWING SUPPORT

- 5.1 If approved, Inverclyde Council would show its support annually on the ninth of September by flying the specially designed flag with associated publicity to raise awareness of the day across the community.

6.0 PROPOSALS

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Education and Communities Committee approves the Council's support of 999 day or Emergency Services Day as an occasion in the Council's annual commemorations.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Finance

N/A.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

7.2 Legal

N/A

7.3 Human Resources

N/A

7.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 N/A

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 N/A