

Item

## Flag flying protocol



**To:**

Civic Affairs Committee 09/10/19

**Report by:**

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**Wards affected:**

None directly affected

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The report seeks the Committee's confirmation of the current flag flying protocol and is asked whether the Human Rights flag should be added to it.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To support flying the Human Rights flag on World Human Rights Day, 10 December and amend the flag flying protocol accordingly.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The flags flown on the Guildhall building other than the city flag follow an agreed list, based on guidance for public buildings from central Government with local choice additions which have been requested by Group Leaders over time. The Council receives random requests to fly flags and it is helpful to have a clearly agreed protocol to guide decisions.

3.2 When it comes to flying the flag at half mast this is a matter for the Chief Executive, with guidance given from central government and if a local issue, in consultation when possible with the Leader of the Council. Most flag flying is in line with national guidance. Local additions are in bold text.

	<b>Flag Flying (Union Flag unless specified)</b>
<b>9 January</b>	Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge
<b>20 January</b>	Birthday of the Countess of Wessex
<b>1 February</b>	<b>Rainbow Flag - For month of February except on days when Union flag is to be flown</b>
<b>6 February</b>	Her Majesty's Accession
<b>19 February</b>	Birthday of the Duke of York
<b>10 March</b>	Birthday of Earl of Wessex
<b>12 March</b>	Commonwealth Day
<b>21 April</b>	Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen
<b>23 April</b>	<b>St George's Flag</b>
<b>9 May</b>	<b>Europe Day (Europe Flag)</b>
<b>2 June</b>	Coronation Day
<b>10 June</b>	Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh
<b>17 June</b>	Official celebration of Her Majesty's birthday
<b>21 June</b>	Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge
<b>23 June</b>	<b>Armed Forces Week - leave up all week to actual day 30 June</b>
<b>17 July</b>	Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall
<b>15 August</b>	Birthday of the Princess Royal
<b>15 September</b>	Birthday of HRH Prince Harry
<b>21 October</b>	Trafalgar Day
<b>24 October</b>	<b>United Nations Day- (UN flag)</b>
<b>11 November</b>	Remembrance Day - Flags should be flown at full mast all day.
<b>14 November</b>	Birthday of the Prince of Wales
<b>20 November</b>	Her Majesty's Wedding Day

## **4. Implications**

**(a) Financial Implications** - none

**(b) Staffing Implications**-none

**(c) Equality and Poverty Implications**-none

**(d) Environmental Implications** - none

**(e) Procurement Implications** - none

**(f) Community Safety Implications** - none

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