

SHEPTON MALLET TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting	Place-making & Protection Committee Item 2.8
Date	23 rd February 2021
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Subject	Flag Flying at the Cenotaph

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Councillors to note flag flying days in 2021.
- 1.2 For Councillors to agree when the Pride flag should be flown.
- 1.3 For Councillors to consider a request from the RBL to fly their standard to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their formation.

2.0 AGREED FLAG FLYING DAYS FOR 2021

2021 Date	Occasion	Flag
March 8th – Monday	Commonwealth Day (2nd Monday in March)	Commonwealth
April 21st – Wednesday	HM Queen's Birthday	Union
April 23rd – Friday	St Georges Day	St George Cross
May 11th – Tuesday	Somerset Day	Special Flag
June 12th – Saturday	HM Queen's Official Birthday	Union
June 26th – Saturday	Armed Forces Day	Special Flag
September 3rd – Friday	Merchant Navy Day	Special Flag
November 11th - Thursday	Armistice Day	Union
November 14th - Sunday	Remembrance Day	Union

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In 2019 the council purchased a Pride flag which has been flown on the designated day in June for the last 2 years. This day coincides with Armed Forces day (on a Saturday) and that flag is flown on the Saturday and Pride on the Monday.
- 3.2 It would appear that Pride and its flag flying is now celebrated across the whole month of June and therefore councillors are asked to consider if they wish to fly the Pride flag for the duration of June, but taking into account the other significant flag day of Her Majesty's official birthday.
- 3.3 SMTC has been also been contacted by RBL who advise that 2021 is the 100th Anniversary of their formation. They have requested their new standard to be flown over the weekend of 15th/16th May 2021.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of a replacement Pride Flag is £50.
- 4.2 There will be no financial implications to the RBL request.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 For councillors to decide if they wish to fly the Pride flag for the month of June.
- 5.2 For councillors to agree to the RBL request to fly their standard over the weekend of 15th/16th May 2021.