

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Agenda Item No.10

meeting date: 21 JANUARY 2020  
title: FREEDOM MARCH – DUKE OF LANCASTER’S REGIMENT  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To agree to the Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment exercising their right as Free Men of the Borough to March through Clitheroe.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour that the Council can bestow on any citizen or body.

2.2 The Council awarded the Freedom of the Borough to the Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment in March 2011.

2.3 Granting Freedom of the Borough grants the regiment the right to march through the borough with due ceremony, drums beating, bands playing and banner flying in recognition of the confidence, trust and friendship existing between the citizens and troops.

2.4 The Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment wish to exercise this right on 28 April 2020 by marching through Clitheroe.

3 ISSUES AND ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 Discussions are taking place regarding the details of the day but it is expected the Regiment will March through Clitheroe, take the Salute in the Market Place, followed by a church service at St Mary’s.

3.2 It is anticipated there will be temporary road closures along the route but any disruption will be kept to a minimum.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 Resources – There will be modest costs in setting up the necessary traffic management and refreshments for the Regiment afterwards. The estimated cost is expected to be in the region of £7,500.

Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.

Political – None

Reputation – The Council is recognizing the Regiment’s right to march through the Borough.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Welcome the Regiment’s request to March through the Borough and agree the budgetary provision. The exact route and timings will be made public nearer the time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE