

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT
REGIMENT**

MUSEUM TRUST COMMITTEE

Decision Made: 10 September 2008

**QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT MUSEUM TRUST ANNUAL
REPORT**

Issue for Decision

To approve the 2007/08 annual report for the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust for submission to the Charity Commission.

Decision Made

That the 2007/08 annual report for the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust, attached as Appendix A to the report of the Museums and Heritage Manager, be approved for submission to the Charity Commission.

Reasons for Decision

On 12 March 2007 the Charity Commission, in consultation with Maidstone Borough Council, created a new Scheme which appointed the Council as sole Trustee of the Regimental Museum Charity. Ownership of the Trust's assets passed to the Council which now has responsibility for managing, curating and insuring the Collection.

The old Regimental Trust has become an un-registered charity known as a Combined Fund. The Council has a Duty of Consultation to report once a year on matters relating to the management of the Collection to a nominated representative of the Combined Fund (the Secretary of the Queen's Own Buffs Association, based at the PWRR Barracks in Canterbury). The Council must produce an annual report and accounts for the Charity Commission.

Alternatives Considered and Why Rejected

Any alternative course of action would not meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. This could undermine public confidence in the ability of the Council to manage the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust.

Failure to provide an annual report to the Charity Commission could have legal ramifications.

Background Papers

None.

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Overview and Scrutiny Partnership Manager by:
19 September 2008