635 – Remembrance Service Arrangements

1. Background & Previous Resolutions
During the full council meeting on 22 July 2026, the Council resolved to provide six chairs for use at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday (8 November 2026). Following this resolution, logistical discussions have taken place with representatives from St Mary Magdalene Church to coordinate the day's events.

2. Recent Developments

The Churchwarden, Paul Stothard, contacted the Council outlining the planned structure for Remembrance Sunday. The church service will commence at St Mary Magdalene Church at 10:00 AM. However, due to scheduling constraints, the Rector Rev'd Hugh White, must depart immediately following the church service to lead another congregation. Furthermore, Mr. Stothard has confirmed he is unavailable to step in, as he retired as a Reader in September and has stepped back from leading services. Consequently, the Church formally requested that the Chair of HPC (or a nominated representative) lead the civic Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10:50 AM. Cllr Danny Moody has replied to confirm he is happy to lead the service.

3. Outstanding Arrangements for Council Agreement on 28 October 2026

With the leadership of the civic service confirmed, the Council must now finalise the remaining logistical details outlined below.

Task / Arrangement	Details	Responsibility / Status
Lead Civic Service	Act of Remembrance at 10:50 AM at the War Memorial.	**Cllr D. Moody**
Order of Service	Specific details of the service to be used.	*Church to supply?*
Seating Logistics	Organisation and physical transport of the 6 promised chairs to the War Memorial.	*To be agreed by HPC*
Refreshments	Decision required on whether HPC wishes to provide or coordinate refreshments following the service.	*To be agreed by HPC*