

To: City Executive Board
Date: 17 October 2017
Report of: Head of Law and Governance
Title of Report: Flag Flying – amendment to the protocol

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To consider a request to add International Women’s Day, 8 March, as an annual event to Flag Flying Protocol
Key decision:	No
Executive Board Member:	Councillor Price, Board Member for Corporate Strategy and Economic Development
Corporate Priority:	None
Policy Framework:	None
Recommendation(s): That the City Executive Board resolves to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the inclusion of International Women’s Day, 8 March, as an annual event in the Flag Flying Protocol. Approve the flying of the flag, to be designed in suffragette colours, during the period 24 February 2018 and 11 March 2018 to coincide with the festival to mark the centenary of the passing of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1918. 	

Appendices: None

Introduction and background

- The City Executive Board has agreed a flag flying protocol which includes:
 - The annual events when the City Council will fly a flag on one of its flag poles.
 - Delegated powers to consider “one-off” requests to fly flags

This report seeks approval to add an event to the annual programme and also to fly a flag for an extended period.

Request

- Councillor Brandt, Ward Member for Carfax, has requested that the City Executive Board add International Women’s Day, 8 March, as an annual event to the Flag

Flying Protocol. The flag that would be used is to be designed in suffragette colours

3. In addition 2018 marks the centenary of the passing of the Representation of the Peoples Act which gave votes to women. There will be a festival to coincide with this anniversary running from February 24 to 11 March 2018. Councillor Brandt requests that for this year only the City Council fly the flag throughout the festival. This will not clash with any other regular flag flying events.
4. The flag is currently being designed and can be obtained by the Council for minimal or no cost.

Financial implications

5. None

Legal issues

6. None.

Level of risk

7. There are no risks associated with this decision.

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Background Papers: None