

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Report Originator</b>	Strategic Management Team	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i> -	
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	25th June 2014	
<b>Title</b>	FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT HOMECOMING PARADE – 21ST JULY 2014		

### 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise the A6 Towns Forum of the Royal Anglian Regiment's Homecoming Parade through the streets of Kettering.

### 2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At a special meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2011, the Freedom of the Borough of Kettering was formally granted by Council to the Royal Anglian Regiment. This honour was bestowed upon the Regiment in recognition of its close connection with the counties of the east of England, including Northamptonshire, and in support of the work of the armed forces in recent years in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 2.2. The Regiment has been granted Freedom of a large number of Boroughs throughout the UK, including Corby, Northampton, Wellingborough, Bedford, Huntingdon and Harborough.
- 2.5. Following the granting of the Freedom of the Borough, the Regiment has indicated its intention of exercise its right to march through the streets of Kettering at 3.40 pm on Monday, 21st July 2014 to celebrate the homecoming of the Regiment from a long tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- 2.6 The march will begin at the London Road Car Park, continue past Horsemarket into Silver Street, and then continue along Gold Street, High Street and Sheep Street. The Regiment will halt in Sheep Street in front of a dias erected on the Market Place for civic dignitaries, where speeches will be given and the Parade will be formally inspected. The march will then resume along Sheep Street into Bowling Green Road and conclude at the London Road car park. *(Please refer to the map of the route attached to this report)*
- 2.7 Following the march, the Mayor will host a reception for soldiers, guests, civic dignitaries and councillors at the Kettering Conference Centre. Town Mayors and Town/Parish Council Chairs have been invited to the Parade and Reception.

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- 2.8 Businesses and residents in Kettering Town Centre have been informed of the Homecoming March, as well as schools that may be affected by any necessary road closures.
- 2.9 Publicity for the march and arrangements for people to come and watch it will be generated in the next week or so.