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Mrs Sarah Taylor Chief Officer (Governance) Lancaster City Council Town Hall Lancaster LA1 1PJ

Dear Mrs Taylor,

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees to request the Council to appoint the Veterans' Champion, the post being presently held by Councillor Liz Scott, to be an ex officio Trustee of The King's Own Royal Regiment Museum.

The Trustees met on Saturday 7th November 2015 and it was their unanimous decision that such a request be made. The King's Own and the Museum have also received enormous encouragement and support from the City along with our many friends and supporters. The Veterans' Champion would be a most appropriate appointment to represent the City.

The task is not onerous. The Trustees meet formally at the Museum once a year always on the Saturday afternoon before Remembrance Sunday. All other business is conducted, as necessary, electronically or by telephone. The Museum continues to offer much. Many enquiries from veterans and their dependants are answered. In 2014/2015 alone 1985 such enquiries were handled. Acquisitions are still forthcoming. In 2016 the Museum will mount a major exhibition to mark the 100th Anniversary of The Battle of the Somme particularly concentrating on the contribution of local men and women.

I should be grateful if the Council give this request their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Warren

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