

SUBJECT:	NATIONAL DEMOCRACY WEEK
DIRECTORATE:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To note that National Democracy Week takes place between 14 and 20 October 2019 and to consider what publicity or activities the Council may wish to undertake to support the event.

2. Background

- 2.1 National Democracy Week provides a great opportunity to encourage local residents to register and exercise their right to vote, participate in local and national democracy and perhaps decide to stand as a Councillor.
- 2.2 Cabinet Office has produced a number of supporting resources aimed at supporting the promotion and participation in National Democracy Week, with an online pack available at <https://democracyweek.campaign.gov.uk>. This provides specific resources for partners, a parliamentary pack and also resources associated with branding.
- 2.3 In addition, a resources pack has been developed specifically aimed at young people called 'Rock Enrol!' which can be accessed via www.gov.uk/government/publications/rock-enrol-engaging-young-people-in-democracy.
- 2.4 The Ethics and Engagement Committee is invited to consider whether any of these resources could be used in Lincoln to support National Democracy Week, or if there are any other activities or publicity that could be undertaken during the week.

3. Organisational Impacts

3.1 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

These issues have been taking into consideration in the writing of this report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Ethics and Engagement Committee considers what publicity or activities the Council may wish to undertake to support National Democracy Week.

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? None

List of Background Papers: None

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