

COUNCIL		
Report Title	The Civic Adoption of 1475 Squadron ATC	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 3
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 29 June 2011

The Unit was formed in 1941. It is one of several ATC units across the UK. For many years the squadron and its impressive marching band, has led the various contingents to and from the war memorial in Lewisham on Remembrance Sunday.

The Unit currently boasts over 100 cadets mostly taken from local schools including Forest Hill School.

This figure represents one of the highest numbers of cadets in any squadron across the country. This squadron has an excellent track record of shaping the lives of young people through the teaching of team working, self-confidence, fitness and adventure training.

Last year the squadron was awarded the Sir Alan Lees trophy which is awarded for the best Air Cadets squadron in the whole of the UK. It beat all the other squadrons across the UK of which there are nearly 1,000. It also delivered the best ATC national training and development culminating in several awards for many of its cadets. A wonderful achievement in the year of the 150th anniversary of the cadet movement and the 70th anniversary of the formation of this particular squadron.

The squadron are proposing to cement its relationship with the Council by incorporating the Council's coat of arms on its own standard flag. The squadron's own motto "Certamus Vincere" translates to "Strive to Win".

It is therefore recommended to confer upon the 1475 Squadron ATC the civic honour of the adoption by the London Borough of Lewisham. It reflects the achievements and high esteem in which the squadron is held and to recognise its close co-operation and joint working with the local community and Council since its formation. The squadron will have the right, privilege and distinction of marching through the streets of Lewisham on all ceremonial occasions with its new standard colours flying and band playing.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council agrees the recommendation to be proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Lewisham's RFCA representative, Councillor Pauline Morrison that 1475 Squadron ATC be awarded the civic honour of adoption by the London Borough of Lewisham

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At its meeting of the full Council held on Wednesday, 29 June 2011, the London Borough of Lewisham unanimously agreed to the formal adoption of the 1475 Squadron ATC.

The wording of the recommendation said:

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This recommendation to be proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Lewisham’s RFCA representative, Councillor Pauline Morrison”.

ATC 1475 crest

Signed:

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Sir Steve Bullock
The Mayor of Lewisham

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Barry Quirk
Chief Executive