

## HALLS, CEMETERIES & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday, 5 June 2023

**Title:** Commonwealth War Graves Sign Request

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk – Adam Clapton

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### **Background**

There are 12 graves cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) at Tower Hill Cemetery. These are graves of persons who lost their lives as a result of warfare or were serving service members at the times of their death.

### **Current Situation**

The Council has been contacted the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to ask whether it would permit the erection of a sign at the entrance to the Cemetery as part of a national signs project.

The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves in the UK and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations. The full request letter and details are attached as appendices to this report.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Members of the Public hold those who lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces in very high esteem. If the Council does not support this request to highlight the graves it may be viewed negatively.

### **Financial implications**

- The purchase, installation and maintenance of the sign are all covered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Agreement for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to erect a sign at the entrance to Tower Hill Cemetery.