

HALLS AND GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 13th January 2020

Title: War Memorial - Additional Plaque and Names

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer – John Hickman

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this is to update Councillors about the current position regarding an additional plaque for inscriptions on the Town Centre War Memorial.

ACTION TAKEN

The Operations and Estates Officer has looked at the war memorial and discovered that there are plaques with inscriptions on the middle level of the memorial, two to the front and one on the left-hand side with approx. 10 names inscribed on each. There are no plaques to the rear of the war memorial or on the right-hand side on the middle level.

CURRENT POSITION

The Operations and Estates Officer has met on site with the Council's preferred stone mason to assess the possibilities of adding at least one additional plaque to the right-hand side of the memorial to add additional inscriptions to. They would be able to make an additional plaque to match the others and fit to the memorial. A quote for a new plaque to be constructed and fitted to the war memorial including the inscription per letter of names if these were to be pre-inscribed before fitting of the plaque has been requested and will hopefully be available at the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A provisional sum of £4,000 was allocated in the 2020/21 budget for these works.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The addition of a new plaque to the Towns War Memorial;
2. Any names to be inscribed prior to installation of the new plaque.