

PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING PARTY

Date: Thursday, 28th April 2022

Title: Platinum Jubilee Legacy Project

Contact Officer: Project Officer - Nicky Cayley

Background

The Platinum Jubilee Working Party requested a legacy project as part of the celebrations and identified Unterhaching Park as a suitable location. The Project Officer was asked to take this on and formulate a plan.

Current Situation

The proposal for the legacy project is for a sundial to be placed in the middle of the circular paved area at the park (the slabs are not able to be removed easily). The paving will be pressure washed to freshen it up. The sundial will then be fixed in the middle of the paved area at the correct angle for it to tell the time. There is the opportunity to inscribe the sundial (see attached pictures) so the working party should consider what it would like the inscription to read.

A one-metre-wide section of turf will be removed from the surrounding area and will be planted. The Project Officer and the Operations and Estates Advisor met on site with two members of the Witney Horticultural Society who have very generously come up with a suggested planting scheme. The Operations and Estates Advisor has been able to secure some plants at no cost to the Council from the Council's Grounds Contractors. The attached plan is courtesy of Lindy Cripps of the Witney Horticultural Society. The remaining grass will be left as a border. Several paving slabs will be needed to make a pathway to the sundial across the flower bed – this will need to be 1m wide to comply with DDA regulations. The Maintenance and Environment Officer has confirmed that there are paving slabs available at the Council's depot.

The maintenance of the garden will need to be taken on by the Grounds Contractors.

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.

There are no environmental risks associated with this project.

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. There are no risks associated with this project.

Financial implications

Horizontal Roman Dial - £595.00

Roman Plinth in Cotswold Stone - £540.00

Total for Sundial - £1, 135.00

The plants are expected to be free of charge courtesy of the Council's Grounds Contractors.

There will be some internal costs for the Council's Work's Team to install the sundial and prepare the bed for planting. The planting itself may also be done by the Works Team of the Contractors.

Recommendations

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

1. Whether to approve the project as presented;
2. To formulate some wording for the sundial (Line 1 – 40 characters, line 2 – 40 characters, line 3 – 30 characters, curved line – 70 characters). Not all characters need to be used.