

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

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Richard Eve Memorial – Receipt of Grant

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Enhancing Cultural Life
CORPORATE PLAN THEMES:	Local Heritage
KEY PRIORITY:	Richard Eve Memorial
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APPENDICES	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the receipt of a grant to refurbish the Richard Eve Memorial and to allocate this grant in the capital programme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE:-**

- 2.1 To receive the £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and to allocate £35,000 of this amount to the capital programme (in addition to £36,000 from the Liveability Fund already allocated) to be spent on the refurbishment of the Richard Eve Memorial (Total £71,000). The balance of £15,000 of the grant is revenue funding for related community development work.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council received a grant of £396,000 from the Liveability Fund. £303,000 of the grant is to be spent on development and refurbishment of Brinton Park.
- 3.2 This grant was the subject of a previous report to the then Executive on 18th March 2004.

- 3.3 Officers from Cultural, Leisure & Commercial Services also submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund using Liveability Fund money as partnership funding.
- 3.4 This application for funding was successful and a grant of £50,000 has been awarded.
- 3.5 The money is to be spent as follows:
- £35,000 For refurbishment of the Richard Eve Memorial
 - £10,000 Heritage Trail
 - £1,500 For book on history of Richard Eve Memorial
 - £1,500 Celebration event
 - £500 Publicity
 - £1,500 Interpretation
- 3.6 The £35,000 for refurbishment of the memorial is a capital grant, the remaining £15,000 is revenue.

4. REFURBISHMENT OF THE MEMORIAL

- 4.1 The Richard Eve Memorial is a unique Grade II listed monument situated in Kidderminster's Brinton Park. It was constructed using a rare process of fixing Royal Dalton glazed tiles and blocks filled with ash for strength to a solid brick central support.
- 4.2 This memorial was built in 1902 at its present location in Brinton Park to commemorate the life of one of Kidderminster's children who grew up to be a successful solicitor, Freemason and active politician. His charity work at that time eased the suffering and improved the lives of many of the country's young men.
- 4.3 Over the years, the memorial has been subject vandalism, erosion from wind and water and frost damage. Due to this, the memorial has now fallen into a state of disrepair and refurbishment is well overdue.
- 4.4 In 2004 the Council was successful in securing a grant of £303,000 for refurbishment work in Brinton Park and from the ODPM Liveability Fund. Of this, £36,000 was earmarked for the Richard Eve memorial. Under the grant conditions, this work has to be carried out during the autumn of 2005.
- 4.5 The £35,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund makes a total grant of £71,000.
- 4.6 This funding will be used to stabilise the memorial from further deterioration and to clean, repair and replace the worst of the tiles and blocks, which forms the majority of the memorial's facade.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council as the refurbishment will be carried out from external funding. Tenders will be received at the Miscellaneous Functions Committee on 26th September 2005.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal or policy implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The refurbishment of the Richard Eve Memorial will be of significant benefit to the locally community and visitors to Brinton Park and there are no risk management issues for the Council.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The refurbishment of the Richard Eve Memorial and associated works will be a significant improvement for local residents and visitors to the Park and the £35,000 expenditure be added to the capital programme.

9. CONSULTEES

Head of Finance
Head of Legal & Democratic Services

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Committee report on Liveability Fund.

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9th September 2005