

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

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Kidderminster War Memorial

OPEN	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	A Better Environment for Today and Tomorrow
CORPORATE PLAN THEME	A Sustainable Environment
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director of Legal & Corporate Services
CONTACT OFFICER:	Caroline Newlands – Extension 2715
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor John Campion Leader of the Council
APPENDICES:	Estimate for cost of works

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to the procuring of two new flag poles and a system of lighting at the War Memorial at St. Mary’s Church Kidderminster.
- 1.2 To seek approval to allocating from the Council’s War Memorial fund the sum of £2,000 to the Kidderminster War Memorial Trust.
- 1.3 To seek approval to allocating from the Council’s War Memorial fund the sum of £1,000 to each of the Bewdley and Stourport War Memorials.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Authority be delegated to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services and the Director of Resources to:-**
- 2.2 **Obtain up to date quotations in accordance with the Council’s standing Orders relating to Contracts for the erection of two new flag poles and installation of lighting at the Kidderminster War Memorial St. Mary’s Church Kidderminster (“the Works”).**
- 2.3 **To apply for any planning consent which may be required for the Works to be carried out.**
- 2.4 **To enter into any agreements which may be required with Worcestershire County Council to allow the lighting poles to be placed on the Highway and to contribute towards the cost of the electricity supply.**

- 2.5 To apply for any funding which may be available towards the cost of the Works.**
- 2.6 To authorise the Works to be carried out with a maximum cost of (£7,553.70).**
- 2.7 To allocate from the Council's War Memorial Fund the sum of £2,000 to the Kidderminster War Memorial Trust.**
- 2.8 To allocate from the Council's War Memorial Fund the sum of £1,000 to each of the Bewdley and Stourport War Memorials.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The sum of £10,000 has been included in the Budget towards improving the District's War Memorials.
- 3.2 The Leader of the Council has put forward a scheme to provide two new flag poles and some illumination at the War Memorial in Kidderminster which has the support of the Kidderminster Branch of the Royal British Legion.
- 3.3 The Leader of the Council has identified funds that elected members have pledged from their Community Leadership Fund towards the cost of the Works.
- 3.4 Kidderminster Charter Trustees have also agreed in principle to allocate some £2,000 towards the cost of the Works subject to a formal application being made.
- 3.5 The grant to the Kidderminster War Memorial Trust would facilitate the completion of some of its important ongoing projects including the creation of a book of remembrance and would enable the addition of names to all three Memorials.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The sum of £10,000 has been included in the Budget towards improving the District's War Memorials.
- 4.2 The Leader of the Council has identified in excess of £1,000 that elected members have pledged from their Community Leadership Fund towards the cost of the Works.
- 4.3 Kidderminster Charter Trustees have also agreed in principle to allocate some £2,000 towards the cost of the Works subject to a formal application being made.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy or legal implications arising from this report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The erection of new flag poles and the installation of lighting will be a benefit to the local community and visitors to the War Memorial. There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The erection of new flag poles and the installation of lighting will be An improvement for the local community and visitors to the War Memorial.

8. CONSULTEES

- 8.1 Director of Legal and Corporate Services
- 8.2 Director of Resources
- 8.3 Leader of the Council

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Copy estimate for the Works
- 9.2 Copy letter of support from the Kidderminster Branch of the Royal British Legion