

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE GREAT WAR ONE HUNDRED YEAR COMMEMORATIONS:

Purpose of the Report

1. To review the County Council's proposals to commemorate the unveiling of the Memorial on the Victoria Embankment.
2. To seek approval to commit up to an additional £25,000 to fund the memorial being planned and built during 2019.

Information

3. All local authorities in Nottinghamshire have signed the 'Community Covenant', which has now been superseded by the 'Armed Forces Covenant'. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served, and their families, are treated fairly. This commitment is made in recognition of the sacrifices they make on behalf of the country.
4. Nottinghamshire County Council has a strong and proud record in supporting the armed forces community. As part of the county's tribute, the Council's priorities are to support legacy projects to ensure that local landmarks and events are recorded and highlighted for future generations. The aim is to bring the Past, Present and Future to life by promoting events that commemorate the proud history and sacrifice of Nottinghamshire people.
5. On the 24th January, Policy Committee agreed a contribution of £126,250 towards the memorial which included dedicated officer support.

Victoria Embankment Memorial

6. **Victoria Embankment Memorial Project: Working with the City Council, the County will help to ensure that** the names of all the 14,000 Nottinghamshire fallen during the Great War will be placed onto a memorial, 'Ring of Stone', which will be sited on the Victoria Embankment, Nottingham.
7. Estimates have now been appraised and a shortfall has been identified. The shortfall costs include, material, transport and labour costs.
8. Both the Memorial Board and Project Team have considered a range of measures to moderate costs. After reviewing materials and the design concept there is a funding gap of £40,000. Nottingham City Council have agreed to contribute an additional £20,000 to deliver a memorial that has broad community appeal and has attracted sizable public donations so far of £35,000.

9. A contribution of up to £20,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council will support the completion of this lasting legacy.
10. **An unveiling event will take place in 2019** a provisional request has been submitted to the Royal Household to request that a member of the Royal Family attend and unveil the memorial. The event will include the full civic and military list, and those companies/individuals that have given generously. A press release will invite living relatives to attend the event, they will be asked to bring photos of family members. This is likely to be in the region of £5,000.
11. Members' approval is also requested for appropriate publicity for the unveiling event.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The County Council has commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Great War through a range of events and community projects during the period 2014-18. This report outlines a significant project that will mark the return of peace in 2019 and commemorate the impact on, and sacrifices made by, Nottinghamshire communities.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

26. The direct cost to the County Council associated with activities detailed in the report will be £25,000. It is anticipated that the costs will be met from the Contingency Budget. A request for contingency funding will be made to Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) To agree to the development of proposals to commemorate the unveiling of the memorial in 2019.
- 2) To make a request to Finance & Major Contracts Committee to approve an additional £25,000 to fund the completion and unveiling of the memorial in 2019.
- 3) That future updates on this area of work are made to the Communities and Place Committee.
- 4) That appropriate publicity be undertaken as part of the programme of events.

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Constitutional Comments [KK 14/01/2019]

27. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the recommendations in this report.

Financial Comments [SES 11/01/2019]

28. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 26 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None' **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**
- 'All'