

14<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Agenda Item: 5**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS**

### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS) INFORMATION REPORT COUNTY HALL MEMORIAL.**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update and information on the proposed war memorial to be located outside County Hall, following the Policy Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. At its meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the County Council resolved to replace the current mosaic outside the main entrance of County Hall with a permanent memorial.
3. The current mosaic, which was laid over 23 years ago, is in a very poor state of repair. Its replacement presents the Council with an opportunity to provide a lasting memorial to honour men and women from the armed forces, emergency services and others who have lost their lives in service of this county and country.
4. Memorials play an important role in society, acting as historical touchstones. They link the past to the present and provide a focal point for people to remember and respect the sacrifice of those who died, fought, participated or were affected by conflict, or who died in fulfilling their public service duties. Memorials are also an important source of information for young people in understanding the sacrifices made by past generations.
5. Following the Council's decision in November, designs have been progressed, resulting in a proposal for implementation. The new memorial will be a unique fitting tribute of robust construction to stand the test of time. The proposed design options have been submitted to Policy Committee for approval at its meeting on 13 March 2013 (with a recommendation that design option one be approved). At its meeting on 14 March, Environment & Sustainability Committee will be informed of the outcomes of Policy Committee's consideration.

6. It is proposed that the memorial be surrounded by solar powered lights to represent an eternal flame and the relevance of the compass being representative of the four corners of the county. The suggested logos represent the three oldest seats of governance in the county, these being Nottinghamshire County Council (logo and coat of arms), The High Sheriff of Nottingham and the Lord-lieutenant of Nottinghamshire which will be replicated in full colour. Consideration is also being given to protecting the memorial by means of a low level removable chain fence. The design has the flexibility if desired at a later date to accommodate a statue in the centre. This option could provide the opportunity for the people of Nottinghamshire to be engaged in a design competition if considered appropriate.
7. Appendix A shows the three concept design options which will be considered by Policy Committee. If approved the works would be undertaken in May with an anticipated completion date of mid June. Based on cost, long term maintenance and deliverability option one provides the best value, with an estimated target cost of £40,000.

### **Other Options Considered**

8. Other design options are set out in Appendix A.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and legal advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

10. £40,000 has been allocated from contingency to meet the cost of the memorial.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. It is RECOMMENDED that Committee notes the update position on the development of the new memorial at County Hall.

### **COUNCILLOR RICHARD BUTLER**

Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability

### **Legal Services' Comments (SHB 01.03.13)**

As this Report is for noting only no constitutional comments are required

### **Financial Comments (TMR 01/03/13)**

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 10 of the report

**Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All