



**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Council of the decision of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on the issues raised in the petition presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 5th July 2012. The petition and officer response was considered and agreed by the Environment and Sustainability Committee at their meeting on 27th September 2012.

Information and Advice

2. A petition of 277 signatures was presented to the Chairman at the meeting of County Council on the 5th July 2012 opposing "...the use of Tax-Payers money, being allocated in the form of a grant from the Nottinghamshire County Council to the Parish Council of Keyworth, to enable them to build another War Memorial in the Village of Keyworth, which we the undersigned consider to be totally unnecessary".
3. Nottinghamshire County Council received a Local Improvement Scheme suggestion form from Keyworth Parish Council in July 2011, requesting funding for the erection of a war memorial on land in public ownership. The scheme was included in the approved programme for 2012/13, subject to more detailed consultation, design work and costings being carried out.
4. Following detailed discussions with the Parish Council, the Royal British Legion and the County Councillor, however, it was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the project to be re-directed to the restoration and enhancement of the existing Memorial Gates. The Gates stand on Nottingham Road alongside the Rectory Playing Field and had already been identified as requiring refurbishment.
5. The revised project was formally agreed by Keyworth Parish Council at its meeting on the 25th June 2012 and a statement regarding the Gates was published on its website.
6. There is, therefore, no extant scheme to build another war memorial in Keyworth and the petitioners have been informed accordingly.

Reason for Recommendation

7. To update Members on the petition presented to Full Council on the 5th July 2012.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, 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 advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That the contents of the report and actions be noted.

Councillor Richard Butler
Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sally Gill, Group Manager Planning (0115 969 6536).

Constitutional Comments

9. The contents and proposed actions in this report are for noting only.

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

Keyworth – Councillor Cottee