

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Baylis Park Memorial Ground Trustee Committee

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

BAYLIS WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Trustees views on potential refurbishment works in the Memorial Garden with specific reference to the war memorials.

2. **Recommendations**

That Trustees -

- a) Review submitted plans and provisional costings to refurbish the memorial area and potentially reposition the memorial stones in the Memorial Garden.
- b) Agree on an option and instruct officers to carry out further work on detailed plans and costings.

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

Whilst the Council's Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities are relevant the Committee's primary duties are to consider the best interests of the Trust and not the Council's strategic priorities. If there is a conflict between the best interests of the Trust and those of the Council, the interests of the Trust must prevail.

Improving mental health and wellbeing is a key priority of the Joint Wellbeing Strategy. The benefits of parks and open spaces, for health and wellbeing are now well established. The proposed improvements would make the park and memorial garden more attractive.

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

Whilst the Council's Five Year Plan outcomes are relevant, the Committee's primary duties are to consider the best interests of the Trust and not the Council's strategic priorities. If there is a conflict between the best interests of the Trust and those of the Council, the interests of the Trust must prevail.

Outcome 3 of the Five Year Plan 2020-25 states that “Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and stay”. The proposed works would ensure that the visual appeal of the public realm is enhanced.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

At this stage there is no financial implication to the Trust unless Trustees wish to proceed with improvements using allocated funds.

(b) Risk Management

Recommendation from section 2 above	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Management Matrix Score the risk	Future Controls
No investment	No improvements to the park and memorial garden may over time reduce attractiveness and use.	None	High	None

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications in regard to the proposed project.

The Trust Deed relating to this trust obliges the Trustees to maintain protect and repair the land and the War Memorial Garden as laid out. The Trust deed also obliges the Trustees to observe and perform the covenants affecting the trust land set out in the Trust Deed and the Trustees must therefore ensure that the terms of those covenants are not breached and that provision is made in the Trust’s finances for any costs associated with such covenants.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

The park and war memorial is open and free to all to use and enjoy. The proposed works would enhance the area and make it more attractive to all residents. There are no equalities issues identified with the planned improvements.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The proposals for refurbishment of this area resulted from a request made by the Trustee Committee for improvements using Trust funds.
- 5.2 Three options have been drawn up and provisionally costed for Trustees to view and decide on the most desirable proposal. These are in a separate appendix.
- 5.3 Officers are to draw up detailed plans and specification for costing to present to a further meeting.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

This matter has not been considered by other committees.

7. **Conclusion**

- 7.1 In absence of available National Lottery Heritage funding the Trustee Committee has asked officers to draw up options for refurbishment of the memorial area in Baylis Park War Memorial Garden.
- 7.2 Officers have presented 3 options for consideration and further instruction.
- 7.3 Officers will draw up more detailed plans on a chosen option for costing to be agreed by the committee at a later date.
- 7.4 Trustees will then decide whether to allocate funds for this project.

8. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Design options for Baylis War Memorial