

Report to Executive

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: **10th March 2014**
Portfolio: **Finance, Governance and Resources / Environment and Transport**
Key Decision: **No**
Within Policy and Budget Framework: **YES**
Public / Private: **Public**

Title: **AMENDMENT TO WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT**
Report of: **DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES**
Report Number: **RD88/13**

Purpose / Summary:

This report requests approval for funding of £20,000 to carry out work on war memorials mainly in the rural part of the district and mainly located on private property. The funding will enable cleaning and repair work to be carried out to war memorials in time for the anniversary of the start of the First World War on 4th August 2014.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:-

1. Approval is given to allocate £20,000 from the revenue maintenance budget for repair and cleaning of war memorials throughout the City Council District.
2. Approval is given to contact the owners of the memorials and request permission to carry out the repair and cleaning work. Alternatively assistance can be given to those who wish to arrange the work themselves, either financial or provision of cleaning materials, access equipment etc.

Tracking

Executive:	
Overview and Scrutiny:	Not Applicable
Council:	Not Applicable

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 100 Year Anniversary

On 4th August 1914, the UK government declared war on Germany following that country's invasion of neutral Belgium. The war developed into a global conflict and continued until 1918, costing many millions of lives. Every community in Great Britain was affected. In the years following the end of the war memorials were erected to honour the dead and recognise the sacrifice made.

The Council wishes to ensure that these memorials are in good condition and continue to honour and remember those who gave their lives for freedom. The 100 year anniversary is particularly important in this respect. The Council has already taken steps to ensure that the memorials in the direct care of the City Council are in good condition for the anniversary and now wishes to extend this ambition to those memorials in the care of the wider community and provide assistance to bring these community memorials to a good standard in time for the 100 year anniversary in August.

1.2 Funding

The Council has allocated £704,600 for revenue repair and maintenance to its buildings during financial year 2014 -15. The £20,000 required for work to these community memorials can be allocated from this budget.

1.3 Permission

As the memorials in question are not Council owned and not located on Council property it will be necessary to obtain the permission of the landowners to carry out the work. The landowners are mostly churches but some are in the care of parish councils. It is proposed to write to the landowners requesting permission to carry out the work.

1.4 Licence

The work would be carried out under a licence stating the extent and limitations of the work and indemnifying the Council against any future claims arising from the work.

2. PROPOSALS

2.1 Schedule of Work

The memorials to be included in the amended war memorials project are listed in the table in Appendix A, descriptions and photographs are in Appendix B.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultation Proposed

Parish Councils

Church Committees

Ward Councillors

4 Recommendations:

It is recommended that:-

4.1 That approval is given to allocate £20,000 from the buildings revenue maintenance budget 2014 – 2015 for repair and cleaning of war memorials throughout the City Council District.

4.2 Approval is given for the Council to contact the owners of the memorials and request permission to carry out the repair and cleaning work or offer assistance to those who wish to arrange the work themselves, either financial assistance in the form of a grant or provision of cleaning materials, access equipment etc.

5 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 To enable the Council to support local communities in preparation for the anniversary of the First World War by providing assistance with the cleaning and repair of community war memorials.

6. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

6.1 The project will contribute to the Carlisle plan priorities by providing employment for local contractors and by engaging with communities in this cultural and educational project.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's – We are talking with partners and stakeholders to organise a series of commemorate events for the anniversary of the First World War.

Economic Development – A number of the monuments may be individually statutorily listed or lie within the curtilage of listed buildings e.g. Church yards. Liaison will be undertaken with the Council Conservation/Urban Design Officer regarding any consents required for cleaning / restoration methods employed.

Governance – The Local Government Act 2000 (Section 2) provides that the Council has the power to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area. The power may be used in relation or for the benefit of the whole or any part of the community or all or any persons present or resident in the Council's area. As explained in the report, permission will be needed to go onto the landowners' land and carry out the works. Legal Services are working with officers to prepare the necessary documentation.

Resources – There is scope within the 2014/15 revenue repair and maintenance budget of £704,600, to fund the proposed repair and cleaning works to the War memorials as detailed within this report. Grants can either be provided to the owners of the memorials or the Council could carry out the work once permission has been obtained from the land owners. If the latter is the preferred option, further investigations would be required as to any insurance liabilities whilst the work is being undertaken and any potential future liabilities.

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APPENDIX A - LIST OF MEMORIALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AMENDED PROJECT




WAR MEMORIALS – NOT IN CHURCH GROUNDS				
NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONFLICT	WORK REQUIRED
Carlisle Cemetery New War Memorial	Richardson Street, Carlisle	Stone cross with bronze sword	Not stated	Clean
Longtown Memorial Hall War Memorial	At the road junction outside the hall	Stone cross	Not stated	Clean, paint railings
Cumwhinton War Memorial	Roadside in village	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean, paint lettering
Great Corby War Memorial	On wall of village hall	Bronze plaque	WW1	Clean
Raughtonhead War Memorial	Raughtonhead Village	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Scaleby War Memorial	Scaleby Village Hall	Stone cross	WW1	Clean, repair missing letter
WAR MEMORIALS LOCATED IN CHURCHYARDS				
NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONFLICT	WORK REQUIRED
Bewcastle War Memorial	St Cuthbert's Church yard, Bewcastle	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Blackford War Memorial	St John the Baptist Church yard, Blackford	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Burgh-by-Sands War Memorial	St Michaels Church, new graveyard	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Carlisle Church of Saint Aidan war memorial	Church of Saint Aidan, Carlisle, external	Timber crucifix on stone plinth	WW1	Clean, re-stain timber
Carlisle Our Lady and St Joseph's church War Memorial	Our Lady and St Joseph's Church, Carlisle, external	Marble crucifix on marble plinth	WW1	Clean
Castle Carrock WW1 War Memorial	St Peter's Church yard, Castle Carrock	Stone cross	WW1	Clean
Castle Carrock WW2 War Memorial	St Peter's Church yard, Castle Carrock	Stone tablet	WW2	Clean
Cotehill War Memorial	St John's Church yard, Cotehill	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Cumdivock War Memorial	St John's Church yard, Cumdivock	Timber / copper cross on stone base	WW1, WW2	Clean, re-stain timber and repair
Dalston War Memorial	St Michael's Church yard, Dalston	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Farlam Church War Memorial	St Thomas a Becket's Church yard, Kirkhouse	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Great Orton War Memorial	St Giles Church yard, Gt Orton	Bronze cross and plaque on stone base	WW1	Clean
Hayton War Memorial	St Mary Magdalene Church yard, Hayton	Stone cross	WW1	Clean
Hethersgill War Memorial	St Mary's Church yard, Hethersgill	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Houghton War	St John's Church yard,	Stone cross	WW1	Clean

Memorial	Houghton			
Irthington War Memorial	St Kentigern's Church yard, Irthington	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Nicholforest War Memorial	St Nicholas Church yard, Nicholforest	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Rockcliffe War Memorial	St Mary's Church yard, Rockcliffe	Stone tablet with cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Scotby War Memorial	All Saints Church yard, Scotby	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean
Stapleton War Memorial	St Mary's Church yard, Stapleton	Stone cross	WW1	Clean
Warwick Bridge War Memorial	St Paul's Church yard, Warwick Bridge	Stone cross	WW1, WW2	Clean

APPENDIX B – DETAILS OF WAR MEMORIALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AMENDED PROJECT

	<p>Stone cross with bronze sword mounted on a tiered stone base, located in the war graves area of Carlisle Cemetery. Maintained by Carlisle City Council. Good condition.</p>
CARLISLE CEMETERY NEW WAR MEMORIAL RICHARDSON STREET	
	<p>A plain stone cross set on three plinth stones located at the roadside in front of the memorial hall and enclosed by low metal railings Maintained by Carlisle City Council. Good condition</p>
LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL WAR MEMORIAL	
	<p>Celtic type cross constructed of granite. Located by the roadside and enclosed by a stone wall with railings. Maintained by Wetheral Parish Council. Good condition</p>
CUMWHINTON WAR MEMORIAL	

	<p>Bronze plaque mounted on the wall of the village reading room (village hall). Maintained by Wetheral Parish Council. Good condition</p>
<p align="center">GREAT CORBY WAR MEMORIAL</p>	
	<p>Granite cross on granite plinth inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the centre of a road junction outside the church. Good condition. Maintained by?</p>
<p align="center">RAUGHTONHEAD WAR MEMORIAL</p>	
	<p>Granite cross on granite base inscribed with names, WW1 memorial, located within the curtilage of the village hall. Good condition, one letter missing from inscription. Maintained by Scaleby parish council.</p>
<p align="center">SCALEBY WAR MEMORIAL</p>	

	<p>Granite obelisk on granite plinth with names. Located in the churchyard and maintained by Bewcastle St Cuthbert's Church. Good condition.</p>
<p>BEWCASTLE ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL</p>	
	<p>Celtic style cross constructed of granite with granite base with names. Located in the churchyard and maintained by Blackford St John's Church. Good condition.</p>
<p>BLACKFORD ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL</p>	
	<p>Granite cross with granite base with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial. Located in the larger graveyard opposite St Michael's Church. Maintained by St Michael's church. Good condition</p>
<p>BURGH-BY-SANDS WAR MEMORIAL</p>	



Timber crucifix with shelter on a 3-tiered stone base with names and inscription, WW1 memorial. Maintained by St Aidans's church. Good condition.

CARLISLE ST AIDAN'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Marble crucifix with shelter on marble plinth inscribed with names, located in the churchyard, WW1 memorial maintained by Our Lady & St Joseph's church. Good condition.

CARLISLE OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH'S WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross with granite base with names, WW1 memorial. Located in the churchyard and maintained by Castle Carrock St Peter's Church. Good Condition

CASTLE CARROCK ST PETER'S CHURCH WW1 WAR MEMORIAL



Tablet style cross memorial for WW2 with 2 names, located in the churchyard and maintained by Castle Carrock St Peters Church.
Good condition.

CASTLE CARROCK ST PETER'S CHURCH WW2 WAR MEMORIAL






Granite cross on granite plinth with names. Located in the churchyard and maintained by Cotehill St Johns Church.
Good condition.

COTEHILL ST JOHN'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Wooden post with tubular copper crucifix on sandstone plinth with tiered sandstone base. Located in the churchyard and maintained by Cumdivock St John's Church.
Poor condition – some loose stones and open joints in the plinth, timber is weathered.

CUMDIVOCK ST JOHN'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

	<p>Celtic style granite cross with names located in the churchyard and maintained by Dalston St Michael's Church. Good condition</p>
DALSTON ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD WAR MEMORIAL	
	<p>Granite cross on granite plinth with names, located in the churchyard, maintained by Farlam Thomas a Becket Church. Good condition.</p>
FARLAM THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL	
	<p>Stone block with bronze tablet with names and Border Regiment Badge, bronze cross on top, on 2-tiered stone plinth enclosed by a chain supported on posts made from artillery shells, located in the church yard, WW1 memorial. Good condition. Maintained by St Giles church.</p>
GT ORTON ST GILES CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL	



Granite cross on plinth inscribed with names, located in the churchyard, WW1 memorial. Good condition. Maintained by St Mary Magdalene church.

HAYTON ST MARY MAGDALINE CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite plinth, granite tablet inscribed with names attached to the front, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard. Good condition. Maintained by St Mary's church.

HETHERSGILL ST MARY'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite plinth inscribed with names, WW1 memorial, located in the church yard. Good condition. Maintained by St John's church.

HOUGHTON ST JOHN'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite base inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by St Kentigern's church.

IRTHINGTON ST KENTIGERN'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite plinth with carved sword, inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by St Nicholas church.

NICHOLFOREST ST NICHOLAS CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite tablet with cross and bronze plaque, inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by St Mary's church.

ROCKLIFFE ST MARY'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Sandstone cross on tiered sandstone plinth inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by All Saints church.

SCOTBY ALL SAINTS CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite obelisk on granite base inscribed with names, WW1 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by St Marys church.

STAPLETON ST MARY'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite base inscribed with names, WW1 and WW2 memorial, located in the church yard.
Good condition.
Maintained by St Paul's church.

WARWICK BRIDGE ST PAUL'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2014

C.31/14 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2014/15

(g) Consideration of Amendments

5. War Memorials

Councillor Earp moved an amendment to Councillor Glover's motion as follows:

"To provide capital funding of £20,000 in the 2014/15 capital programme to fund necessary improvements and refurbishment works to all of the War Memorials in the Carlisle District in advance of the proposed centenary commemorations in 2014. This proposal is to be funded by deleting the Arts Centre scheme from the Capital Programme with resulting revenue and capital savings of £104,000 in 2014/15 increasing to £159,000 from 2015/16 onwards and capital savings of £1,015,000 in 2014/15."

Councillor Collier seconded the amendment.

Councillors Earp addressed the Council in support of the amendment.

The Director of Resources' comments on the impact of the above amendment on the Executive's budget proposals had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Martlew stated that, because the amendment was to be funded by deletion of the Arts Centre scheme, the Executive could not support it. However, Members could be assured that the Executive would take the proposal on board and a report would be submitted to future meetings of the Executive and City Council.

In response, Councillor Earp indicated that he was assured that Members could work together to address the matter and the amendment, as set out above, was
WITHDRAWN.