

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

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

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



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.

CARLISLE CEMETERY NEW WAR MEMORIAL RICHARDSON STREET



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

LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL WAR MEMORIAL



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

CUMWHINTON WAR MEMORIAL



Bronze plaque mounted on the wall of the village reading room (village hall). Maintained by Wetheral Parish Council. Good condition



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?

RAUGHTONHEAD WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite base inscribed with names, WW1 memorial, located within the curtilege of the village hall. Good condition, one letter missing from inscription. Maintained by Scaleby parish council.

SCALEBY WAR MEMORIAL



Granite obelisk on granite plinth with names.
Located in the churchyard and maintained by Bewcastle St Cuthbert's Church.
Good condition.

BEWCASTLE ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



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.

BLACKFORD ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



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.

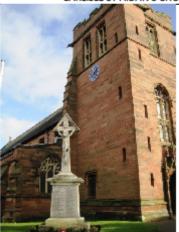
Good condition

BURGH-BY-SANDS WAR MEMORIAL



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



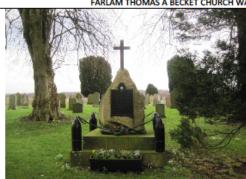
Celtic style granite cross with names located in the churchyard and maintained by Dalston St Michael's Church. Good condition

DALSTON ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD WAR MEMORIAL



Granite cross on granite plinth with names, located in the churchyard, maintained by Farlam Thomas a Becket Church. Good condition.

FARLAM THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



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.

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.

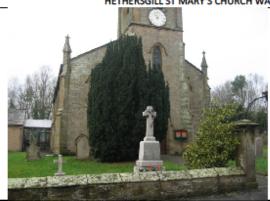
HAYTON ST MARY MAGDALINE CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL



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.