

MEMORIAL TO FORMER COUNCILLOR MRS. S. J. LEMON

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines some options that Members might like to consider on this matter.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At full Council in April, Members resolved that a permanent memorial be established in memory of Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon, the precise nature of which be considered by this Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Minute 179/02).

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Having now looked into this matter, officers would like to present the following options for the Committee to consider:

Option 1

- 3.2 Naming of the Council's new initiative on Citizenship Awards (to be launched in October) or annual design awards (to be determined in September) after Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon.

Option 2

- 3.3 The planting of a tree(s) in memory of Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon. Given Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon's association with Rayleigh and the old Downhall Ward, the most appropriate location would be Sweyne Park. Alternatively, a site in the proximity of Mill Hall and the Windmill could be found.

Option 3

- 3.4 The naming of a building/structure or part of a building/structure in memory of Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon. Given Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon's association specifically with Community Services Committee and its Housing Committee predecessor, a housing, community or leisure project would perhaps be the most appropriate in this context.

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- 3.5 The Council could look to see whether any new housing scheme/refurbishment at the Hardwick House site might be a possibility; alternatively, the proposed new sports facility at the former Park School site might be appropriate. Also, recognising Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon's interest in health related matters, the South Essex Mental Health and Community Care Trust's proposed new elderly mentally ill facility off Rawreth Lane might be an option, particularly given that work on this project is scheduled to commence in the not too distant future.
- 3.6 Members may feel that there are other options that could be considered and these can be discussed at the meeting.
- 3.7 Depending on Members' views, the matter can then be progressed to ensure that whatever option is selected, the Council's wish to establish some form of permanent memorial is implemented at the earliest opportunity.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends its preferred option, to full Council, in terms of establishing a permanent memorial to former Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon.

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