

## **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMPETITION**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report refers to the results of the competition seeking design entries for a permanent memorial for the Holocaust.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This Sub-Committee determined a way forward regarding a public competition seeking entries for designs suitable for a permanent memorial for the Holocaust, and other civil atrocities since the Second World War.
- 2.2 Although an article appeared in the Evening Echo on 30 July, and contact was made with BBC Essex to broaden the output, the public has showed little interest. Details were sent to two enquirers. At the time of drafting this report, no entries have been received.

### **3 THE WAY FORWARD**

- 3.1 If, by the time the Sub-Committee sits, entries have been received, Members can consider them, as proposed at the last meeting. Alternatively, Members may wish to take further account of the designs proposed by the fabricator, any variations of those, or fresh and appropriate designs.
- 3.2 In addition to selecting the designs, financing the project will need addressing. A ceiling of £500 was suggested at the meeting of the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June. It was mooted at the Sub-Committee meeting on 5 August that the project might be completed at no cost to the Council. However, this must be determined in order to present the findings up to the next Committee.
- 3.3 Members will need to remain aware of the time scales. This Sub-Committee would appear to have a limited window of opportunity to report up, and facilitate the full fabrication process and installation by 27 January 2004.

### **4 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Reputation Risk**

Given that the notion of a permanent Memorial is now in the public domain, it will be prudent to meet the objective.

### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Subject to a final analysis, there could be production and installation costs falling to the Council.

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5.2 Officer time has so far consumed approximately three person-days.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

- (1) Whether to proceed with the project, in view of the lack of interest shown by the public and, if so, what designs should be used.
- (2) The costs, if any, that could fall to the Council.

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