

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates members on the progress made to commission a Holocaust Memorial

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members resolved at the last meeting that the offer of a design service from a local architect be accepted. A visit to Mark O'Neill Architects in Southend took place on 23 October 2003

3 THE WAY FORWARD

- 3.1 The design proposals from the architect are for a larger, more complex structure than the original competition guidelines. (The design is shown at Appendix 1 to this report). The costs involved are, at up to £8000, much higher than the suggested ceiling of £500 set by the Finance & Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June 2003.
- 3.2 The offer of materials and time from a local fabricator, and possibly other provisional pledges, can be transferred to this design, but this is likely to cover a proportion of the cost.
- 3.3 At the meeting with Members, Mr O'Neill indicated his company may have contacts within the construction industries that could be approached to offer their support, through the donation of materials and time. Members were keen to also secure sponsorship from organisations and other companies to reduce the costs to the Council.
- 3.4 A site at The Mill, shown on the plan at appendix 2 to this report, was identified as suitable for the memorial
- 3.5 As the design and cost implications have changed, this sub committee does not have authority to commit the Council to the project. It is therefore essential that the findings to date be reported up as soon as possible to establish the way forward.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Strategic Risk

In the light of the new conditions, Members may consider it important to avoid committing the Council to even quasi-contractual situations, without further authority.

4.2 Resource Risk

Cost implications go well beyond the original ceiling. It may be possible to reduce this by seeking sponsorship. It is suggested that this be properly planned, together with seeking full Member endorsement for the design.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Parishes have been contacted by the Chairman to establish any interest in supporting the scheme.

6 RECOMMENDATION

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

- (1) That the project receive continued support in principle.
- (2) That the findings of the Holocaust Memorial Sub Committee be reported to the Finance & Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a recommendation to pursue the project further, subject to sponsorship being agreed to within £500 of the currently assessed maximum of £8000.
- (3) That sponsorship be sought from interested parties.
- (4) That the identified site at The Mill be confirmed, subject to the project being pursued.

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Background Papers:

None

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