HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE - 16 September 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Holocaust Memorial Sub-Committee** held on **16 September 2003** when there were present:

Cllr R A Amner

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn

Cllr C J Lumley

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C R Morgan

OFFICERS PRESENT

C Thomas Emergency Planning & Health & Safety Manager

M Martin Committee Administrator

5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMPETITION

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive, which had advised Members of the outcome of a competition seeking design entries for a permanent memorial for the Holocaust and other civil atrocities since the Second World War.

Members noted that:-

- although an article in the Evening Echo had publicised the competition and contact had also been made with BBC Essex to broaden the output, only one entry had been received.
- a financial donation in respect of the memorial seemed likely from the Jewish Community, and together with other promises of funding, should ensure that the only cost that may fall to the Council would be for proposed inscription work on the plinth.
- in order that there could be more designs to choose from, the Arts Development Officer had been asked to investigate whether local schools could be invited to undertake this as a design project.

During debate, Members agreed that:-

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- the brief for the design project should be as follows "to design panels from which 3 or 4 will be chosen for a Holocaust Memorial, within construction criteria, that can commemorate conflicts around the world, and the atrocities conducted between peoples."
- one side of the work should bear reference to the Holocaust atrocities of the Second World War as a point of origin for the Memorial; it was felt appropriate that the panel should include a dove of peace and the Star of David.
- the Memorial should be erected in a prominent position.
- the inscription on the base should be simple and all-embracing;
 Members to give consideration to this in readiness for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, when final designs would be selected.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members were conscious that, in order to meet the time required for fabricating the Memorial by Holocaust Day 2004, it was important to conclude matters by mid October.

Members therefore agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee would be held on Monday 13 October 2003, commencing at 10 am at the Civic Suite, Rayleigh, to which the fabricator be invited.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am

Chairman	 	 	
Date	 	 	