



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 25th January 2017

Report of: Policy & Improvement Officer

Subject: Western Road War Memorial - Cross Party Task and Finish
Working Group 2017

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At its meeting on 4th January 2017 Full Council RESOLVED: That this Council notes the petition calling on the Council to “*save Western Road First World War Memorial Trees from destruction*”, acknowledges the work already initiated by the Council, as reported at this meeting, following the Notice of Motion containing reference to this matter which was considered at the last meeting of the Council, and refers the petition to the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to enable a cross party working group, working with relevant interested parties, to consider the issue and develop recommendations for the Committee to consider.

This report provides members of Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee with a draft scope to progress this as soon as practicable.

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Agree a Western Road First World War Memorial Cross Party Task and Finish Working Group in response to a petition
- Confirm scope of a committee cross party task and finish working group, including membership, scope of group, project plan

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Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - **Western Road First World War Memorial Cross Party Task and Finish Working Group – Draft Scope**

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Membership of cross party task and finish working group - committee group

1. Seven members of Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Visibility

- 1) Setting up the scrutiny committee group in response to petition to Council on 4th January 2017
- 2) Membership, scope of group, timeline agreed at Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 25th January 2017 - meeting in public
- 3) Scrutiny committee group will report back to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – meeting in public
 - a) Scrutiny committee group recommendations will respond to Council resolution of 4th January, information gathered, and petition as submitted.

Scope of group

In relation to the Western Road First World War Memorial, gather information, evidence, working with, hearing from range of stakeholders and interested parties; develop recommendations for the Committee to consider in regard the future of the memorial.

Project Plan

1. Chair of committee group to be confirmed
2. Stakeholders to hear from:

- a. Relevant SCC stakeholders
 - i. Cabinet Member
 - ii. Senior Officer
 - iii. Technical information officer group
 - b. *Independent Tree Panel –include in above technical information*
 - c. *War Memorials Trust – include in above technical information*
 - d. Local community
 - i. Crookes & Crosspool Forum
 - ii. Ward Members
 - iii. Local tree action groups
 - e. Lead Petitioner
 - f. Others to be suggested
3. Site Visit to Western Road First World War Memorial
4. Output(s)
- a. Committee Group report of recommendations to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee:
 - i. Option(s) following technical evidence from officers; Independent Tree Panel; war memorial trust
 - ii. Recommendations for Public Engagement
 - iii. Other appropriate recommendations
 - b. Report to Cabinet
5. Timeline for scrutiny
- a. Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee set group up - **25/01/2017**
 - b. Committee group meetings with stakeholders – **February 2017**
 - c. Committee group reporting recommendations to EEWB – **March/April 2017**
 - i. Output of project group
 - ii. Consideration at Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee
 - iii. Reporting to Cabinet as decision maker
6. Key considerations
- a. Technical information, including:
 - i. Independent Tree Panel Report
 - ii. War Memorials Trust comment
 - b. Community view (local and interested)
 - c. Avoiding duplication of activity – technical information to committee group supplied by officers, including Independent Tree Panel report and War Memorials Trust

17th January 2017