

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Re-dedication of the War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance Lancaster

12th October 2023

Report of the Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek a decision regarding a ceremony for the Re-dedication of the War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council Business Committee approves the arrangement of a ceremony for the Re-dedication of the War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance in Lancaster.**
- (2) That the Civic and Ceremonial Officer be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the ceremony and to invite a member of the Royal Household to attend.**

1.0 Introduction

Next December marks the 100th Anniversary of the installation and dedication of the War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance at Lancaster Town Hall.

2.0 Proposal

The Chairman of the Lancaster branch of the Royal British Legion has been in contact with the Mayor's Office regarding the anniversary of the installation and dedication of the War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance at Lancaster Town Hall which falls on 3rd December 2024. The British Legion has suggested that the Council arranges a re-dedication ceremony to mark the 100th Anniversary and invite a member of the Royal Household to the ceremony.

It is suggested that if a Royal was to be invited to a ceremony, this would need to be undertaken as soon as possible, with twelve months' notice to ensure availability.

Attached at Appendix A is an extract from a leaflet which documented the opening ceremony 99 years ago.

If Members agree, a ceremony will be arranged in liaison with the Lancaster branch of the Royal British Legion and the Vicar of Lancaster.

3.0 Conclusion

Council is requested to make a decision regarding a re-dedication ceremony and inviting a member of the Royal Household to the ceremony.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing): None	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS None	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The cost of the ceremony would be expected to be minimal and funded from within existing Civic budgets.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces: None.	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.	
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