



Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 6 December 2021

Title: Installation of interpretation panels in the park and open spaces

Purpose of the Report:

To choose the preferred design of the signage and interpretation panels for Linslade Memorial Playing Field and Garden of Remembrance.

Contact Officer:

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Corporate Objective/s	LLTC Five Year Plan – Objective #7	
Implications:		
Financial	Yes	£6,374.00 funds to taken from 9024/950 with available funds of £28,197.
Human Resources	No	None
Operational/Service delivery	No	None
Procedural/Legal	No	None
Risk/Health and Safety	No	None
Environmental Aims	No	None

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Committee be minded, the proposals are:

- 1.1 To note the report.
- 1.2 To recommend one of the three designs.
- 1.3 To endorse that, £6,374.00 (to be taken from 9024/950) with available funds of £28,197 to fund the delivery and installation.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting held on 9 September 2019, the Committee received a report regarding the design of meaningful, innovative and interactive interpretation panels as well as signage for a number of town council parks and green spaces. In order to ensure designs that would be appropriate to each site and appealing to all ages, it was proposed that the design work be outsourced to a specialist supplier. Designs would then come back to Committee for final approval.

2.2 At the same meeting, the following resolution was made:

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the report.**
- (ii) To endorse expenditure of up to a maximum of £50,000 from Earmarked Reserve 9024/950 to fund the interpretation panels in the parks and open spaces project (subject to Committee approval of proposed designs).**
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to incur expenditure of up to a maximum of £10,000 for the design work for the projects outlined in the report (final designs to come back to Committee at a future meeting for approval).**

3 CONCLUSIONS

3.1 Given the rich history and landscape character of our parks and open spaces, each should be commemorated in its own way. Accordingly, any interpretation solution should positively respond in terms of design, siting and materials used. Accordingly, it is unlikely that the interpretation solution arrived at for one park will be used elsewhere for these reasons.

End.