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## Policy and Finance Committee

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Title:** Henry Finch Memorial Fountain

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the funding of the partial refurbishment of the Henry Finch Memorial Fountain.

**Contact Officer:**

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	Five Year Plan Objective no.48 To consider possibilities for the restoration of the Henry Finch Memorial Fountain in Linslade Recreation Ground	
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	Yes	A maximum budget of £12,000 is to be met from Earmarked Reserves.
<b>Human Resources</b>	No	None
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	No	None
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	No	None
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	No	None
<b>Environmental Aims</b>	No	None

### 1 RECOMMENDATION

Should members be minded, the proposal is:

- 1.1 To consider the funding of the partial refurbishment of the Henry Finch Memorial Fountain by allocating a maximum budget of £12,000 to be met from Grounds and Environmental Services Earmarked Reserve with available funding of £40,026.00.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Town Council applied to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in September 2016 for funding to undertake a survey and remedial repairs to the said fountain. In July 2018, HLF informed the Town Council that they would need to know the current condition of the fountain and whether it is at risk in any way.

2.2 Based on the funding bid criteria, the potential to receive financial support was unlikely. For example, grade 1 listed buildings in need of repair, endangered habitats and species or essential archives and collections in need of conservation would be prioritised over any refurbishment works to the memorial. This point was echoed by the HLF who made clear that any formal bid submission would not be favourably received.

2.3 In order to better inform a possible repairs programme, a condition survey was undertaken earlier this year by a nationally renowned firm who have a pedigree in restoring historic fountains. The need for a condition survey was since no previous condition survey had been undertaken in recent years.

2.4 Based on the condition survey report (see attached), the following works are considered appropriate as part of a partial refurbishment

Clean memorial and surrounding area, Steam (DOFF style) - £1,750.00

Lime Pointing - £750.00

Gilding, gold leaf, lettering and ornate engravings - £2,500.00

Lions head, scan existing lions head, produce the pattern, cast bronze lions head and fitting - £5,110.00

Contingency - £1,890.00

Total £12,000

2.5 No further investigations have been looked at to re-connect the water supply to the fountain, as it has been considered unnecessary.

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