



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

to
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
28 MAY 2019**

MEMORIALS IN CEMETERIES, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the Memorials in Cemeteries, Parks and Open Spaces Policy attached at **APPENDIX 1**.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Officers can re-open applications for benches within Maldon District Council Parks & Open Spaces, but only where there are ‘voids’ on existing bench bases or replacement benches are required. No new locations are to be permitted prior to review of demand & supply proposed for April 2022.
- (ii) That Members confirm that the existing Memorials in Cemeteries, Parks and Open Spaces Policy meets the needs of our residents.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 At the last meeting of the Community Services Committee on 2 April 2019 concerns were raised regarding the current policy on Memorials and Legacy Policy. Concerns were raised around the current policy for purchasing a bench. It was noted that it lacked clarity around individual responsibility, length of lease, when ownership/responsibility reverted and whether benches could be removed.
- 3.2 Members agreed that recommendation (i) above be referred back to officers for a separate report on the policy.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Officers have reviewed the Policy and it has been established that all areas of concern raised by Members are covered by the current policy and need no further clarification.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 The Council is seeking to ensure it is adopting a clear, measured and sympathetic approach to the management of its facilities which will take account of the

sometimes-contrasting needs of residents. It will continue to work sustainably going forward.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

Background Papers: None

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