

Title of Report: War Memorials	Officer Presenting: Director of Business & Culture Author: Director of Business & Culture/Head of Environment
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members regarding the ownership of the war memorial in the Diamond and to outline the way forward regarding the treatment of other memorials in the City and District.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members previously agreed to carry out repairs and maintenance to the war memorial in the Diamond in Derry. This process was subsequently paused in order for officers to consider ownership issues regarding the memorial and to also consider other memorials in the Council area and their treatment.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Council's legal team have researched the matter and determined that Council has the powers to maintain and upkeep the memorials should Members consider this appropriate. These powers arise under the Local Government Act (NI) 1923 Section 7 and apply only to War Memorials as defined within this Act.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 A programme of works had been costed in terms of repairs required at the memorial in the Diamond in Derry. Members may now wish to proceed with this project subject to all of the funding being secured and a further report being brought back to the relevant Committee detailing the works and costings for this scheme.
- 4.2 The memorials in Castlederg and Strabane will need to be inspected and a report prepared for Council.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Member's comments and recommendations are invited with regard to the above.

Background Papers

None