

Title of Report: Health and Safety Works to the War Memorial	Officer Presenting: Head of Environment Author: Head of Environment
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members with regard to health and safety works required at the War Memorial located at the Diamond, Derry.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware of Councils responsibilities with regard to maintenance requirements in respect of the War Memorial located at the Diamond, Derry.
- 2.2 During a recent inspection defects were noted with regard to the paving stones to the extent that a significant number are cracked and deformed and present a tripping hazard to those visiting the facility. In addition, it was also noted that the feature lighting on the Monument is also not working and that this too needs repaired.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The inspection has identified that a significant number of the stone paving slabs are cracked and present a tripping hazard and need to be replaced in order to ensure the safety of all those visiting the Monument.
- 3.2 The stone used is not of a standard type with the original slabs cut from Portland Stone. Having reviewed the condition of the slabs on site the property team intend to replace the paving – using a locally sourced comparable alternative - to the Shipquay Street side of the monument in its' entirety and to the use salvaged slabs from this elevation to complete repairs to the remaining elevations of the Monument.
- 3.3 This approach will ensure a uniformity in visual appearance and minimise disruption at the facility.
- 3.4 In tandem with this repair works will also be undertaken to the lighting.

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

- 4.1 Officers estimate that the works will total a maximum of £10,000.00 with budget provision available from within in year savings.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers