

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Business Growth and Regeneration
2.	Date:	Friday 12 th December 2014
3.	Title:	World War 2 Memorial Procurement
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report seeks an exemption from Standing Order 47.6 (a contract made under standing order 47.5 where the estimated value of more than £20,000 but less than £50,000 may be made after inviting at least three written quotations).

An exemption under Standing Order 38 is requested as the funders have already engaged with a memorial mason who has undertaken the detailed design of the memorial and been instructed to order the materials.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member approves the exemption of the contract to supply a memorial to the dead of the second world war from Standing Order 47.6 (a contract made under standing order 47.5 where the estimated value of more than £20,000 but less than £50,000 may be made after inviting at least three written quotations).

7. Proposals and Details

A report was previously brought on 22nd July 2014 to the former cabinet member for Communities & Cohesion regarding a proposal to install a memorial to Rotherham residents lost during active service during the second world war, paid for by public contributions and to be adopted by the Council (minute E15 of 22/7/14 refers)

The memorial has been funded through public donations collected by the Friends of Clifton Park the funding was then gifted to the Council to allow the erection of the monument. The fund is currently held by the Council as a capital budget.

During the planning stage the Friends of Clifton Park engaged with a memorial mason Mr S P Davies of Bawtry, who has designed the memorial and was instructed by the group to order the materials (at a cost of £18,000) with a view to this instruction being confirmed by an official Council order once funding had been transferred. However, it has been confirmed by officers in the Council's legal services that an exemption under section 38 of the Councils standing orders is required in this case.

As Mr Davies has undertaken the detailed design of the memorial and was given a verbal order by the Friends Group to undergo a tendering exercise, it is felt that a tendering exercise at this stage in the procurement would not represent value for money.

As the memorial is being placed on public land for the public enjoyment the Council will be in position to reclaim the VAT as it would for any other item added to the parks inventory. The Friends Group is not VAT registered.

8. Finance

The memorial is 100% funded from public donations via the Friends of Clifton Park.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Corporate Priority 3: All areas of Rotherham are safe, clean and well maintained

The creation of an additional memorial feature will help strengthen the relationship with the ***Friends of Clifton Park*** and enable people to enjoy parks, green spaces, sports, leisure and cultural activities

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Officers in Financial Services and Legal Services been consulted and support the recommendation for the reasons outlined in the report.

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