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Meeting	Council
Date	8 November 2005
Subject	Erection of Spike Milligan Statue, Avenue House, East End Road N3
Report of Summary	The Director of Resources To seek consent from the Council as Corporate Trustees of The Avenue House Estate for the erection of a statue to Spike Milligan by the Trustees of Avenue House Estate Management

Officer Contributors	George Church, Principal Valuer, Property Services and Valuation Group
Status (public or exempt)	Public – with a separate exempt report
Wards affected	Finchley – Church End ward
Enclosures	Plan 1
For decision by	Committee
Function of	Executive
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	N/A

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That in its capacity as Corporate Trustees of The Avenue House Estate, the Council consents to the erection of a full life size bronze statue of Spike Milligan in the grounds of Avenue House by Avenue House Estate Management, and that the Legal Department be instructed to complete the necessary documentation.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Council – 15 October 2002, it was resolved that Avenue House Estate Management (AHM) be granted a 125 year lease at an annual rent of a peppercorn and upon the other terms set out in the report and that the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the lease in a form to his approval.
- 2.2 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub Committee. Reference C06122V/05. Decision date 20 April 2005. Applicant: The Finchley Society. Development Description: Installation of statue, bench and associated paving on grass verge to front of building on East End Road. Conditional consent granted.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan commits the Council to “plan and manage land use and development in Barnet to enhance the quality of life and provide tangible benefits for the community”. The proposal in this report for the erection of a statue will add interest to the area and will advance education by encouraging the study of the life and work of a key figure in the development of alternative comedy and literary works.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 The risk of the statue being controversial and unpopular locally is most unlikely as the proposal for its erection did not receive adverse publicity when planning consent was sought. There is a risk that the statue will not be erected if funds for the project cannot be raised by public subscription.

5. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The cost of the statue and its erection, together with an endowment for its maintenance and the Council’s professional fees for dealing with the application in accordance with the terms of the lease, are to be raised by public subscription by The Finchley Society. The fees are set out in the exempt section of this report. Finchley Society will transfer ownership of the statue, together with these funds, to AHM.
- 5.2 There are no staffing or ICT issues. The property implications are set out below

6. LEGAL ISSUES

6.1 None

7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

7.1 The council is the Corporate Trustee of The Avenue House Estate (TAHE).

8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

8.1 TAHE is the freeholder of the Avenue House Estate, and in October 2002 it granted a 125 year lease of the Estate to AHEM.

8.2 A local charity, the Finchley Society has formed a Spike Milligan Statue fund with the intention of erecting a bronze statue of the late comedian in the grounds of Avenue House on the greensward between the car park and pavement in front of Avenue House.

8.3 The statue is to be a full life, bronze sculpture of Spike Milligan seated on a bench. For a picture of the statue and location plans, please see the attached Plan 1. Planning consent has been granted for the proposal.

8.4 The Finchley Society is currently collecting public subscriptions to finance the project. The statue will not be erected until the funds have been collected.

8.4 It has been agreed that the Finchley Society will give the statue together with a fund in respect of the following matters to AHEM. The fund will cover the cost of the erection of the statue inclusive of fees, an endowment fund for the cost of its maintenance and eventual repair and the Council's professional fees incurred in dealing with the matter.

8.5 In accordance with the terms of their lease, AHEM has applied to the Council as Trustees of TAHE for consent to erect the statue.

8.6 The Council's fees will be £500.00 in respect of each of surveyors fees and legal fees, i.e. a total of £1,000.00, assuming that funds for the statue are raised in the current financial year. These fees will be reviewed by the Council if the statue is erected in a subsequent financial year.

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

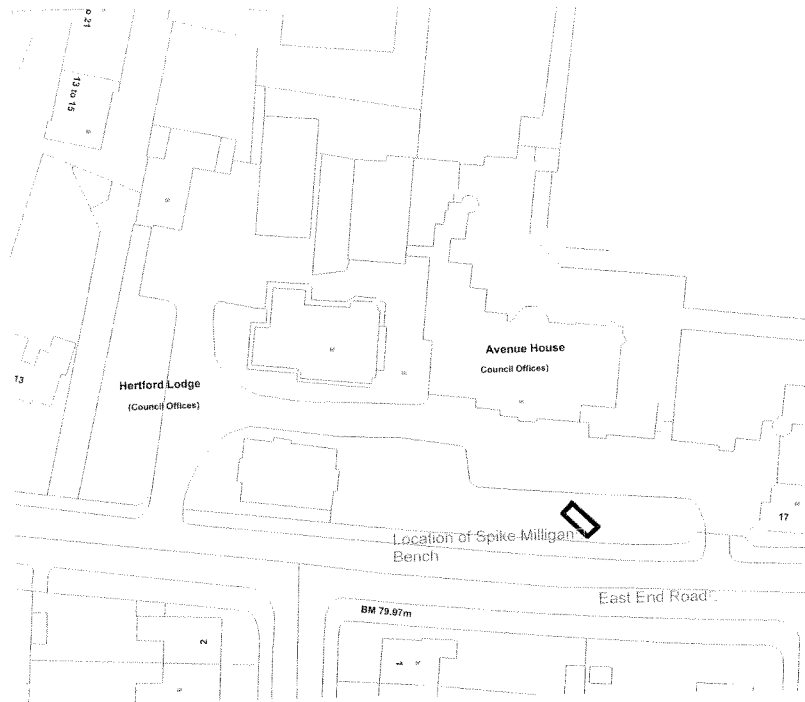
9.1 None

Legal: SWS

BT:

Plan 1

Location Plan showing the proposed location of the statue



Sketch elevation of proposed statue



Sketches by John Somerville of full life bronze sculpture of Spike seated on a bench that will be decorated with items referring to aspects of his life.