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<b>Meeting</b>	Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub- Committee
<b>Date</b>	16 January 2013
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Memorial Bench for Horace White</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration
<b>Summary</b>	To ask the Sub-Committee to consider whether to instruct the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration to progress with a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in North Finchley town centre in memory of Mr Horace White

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Officer Contributors	Mervyn Bartlett, Transport & Regeneration Manager
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	East Finchley
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Executive
Enclosures	
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## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 That the Sub-Committee consider whether to instruct the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration to progress with a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in North Finchley town centre in memory of Mr Horace White, subject to the overall costs being contained within available budgets.**

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 2.1 Council 6 November 2012 – agreed that the Finchley and Golders Area Environment Sub-Committee considers and agrees whether the council should fund and deliver a fitting tribute to Mr Horace White in the form of a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in North Finchley town centre.

## **3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 This proposal contributes to the Corporate Plan objective of ‘We want Barnet to continue to be a successful, prosperous place where people want to live’. The bench will enhance the quality of the public realm area so making a more attractive and socially improved environment for the community at large.

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 The design and precise placement of the bench, with associated memorial plaque, will be tactfully considered in conjunction with the on-going design of the Finchley Town Centre improvement project. The intended placement will respectfully commemorate Mr Horace White and also blend with other street furniture. The bench design will incorporate a central arm to deter overnight abuse and be positioned so as not to cause obstruction to disabled people or the visually impaired.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 5.1 The bench will provide a public facility which will particularly benefit the mobility impaired.

## **6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 6.1 The memorial bench, costing approximately £1000, inclusive of memorial plaque is anticipated to be funded through the Outer London Fund secured from the Greater London Authority.

## **7. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 7.1 None except, depending on the arrangements for the placing of the memorial bench, the Council may need to tender for and enter a contract, which would be the subject of a separate delegated powers report.

## **8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)**

- 8.1 The Council's Constitution in Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 3.10 details the executive functions of the Area Environment Sub-Committees.
- 8.2 The Council's Constitution in Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 3.10 provides for Area Environment Sub-Committees to discharge the Executive's functions, within the boundaries of their areas, in accordance with council policy and within budget.

## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 9.1 At the Council meeting on 6 November 2012, Councillor Arjun Mittra put forward the below Business Item:  
*RESOLVED - Council notes with sadness the passing of Finchley legend Horace White whose funeral this month was attended by over 400 people.*  
*Council asks Cabinet to fund and deliver a fitting tribute to Horace in the form of a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in Finchley*
- 9.2 As the item related to matters concerning the Street Scene and Environment, it was deemed more appropriate that it is instead referred to the Finchley and Golders Area Environment Sub-Committee.
- 9.3 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider whether to instruct the Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration to progress with a Memorial Bench to be placed in an appropriate location in North Finchley town centre in memory of Mr Horace White.
- 9.4 Councillors may be aware that North Finchley Town Centre has received 'Outer London Funding' (GLA - Round 2) for broad based improvement measures inclusive of the Public Realm (street furniture). The funding is programmed for expenditure up to 31/03/2014. A design team has recently been appointed. Part of their brief is to consider declutter, rationalisation and renewal of poor quality street furniture (inclusive of public benches). They are to be asked that during their study, they consider tasteful location of new street benches (designed so as not to attract sleepers) one of which will be able to have an appropriate commemorative plate for the late Horace White, should that be the Sub-Committee's wish.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None.

<b>Cleared by Finance (Officer's initials)</b>	<b>MC</b>
<b>Cleared by Legal (Officer's initials)</b>	<b>JO'H</b>