



## Housing and Growth Committee

**26 November 2019**

	<b>Urgent Member's Items</b>
<b>Title</b>	Chairman on behalf of Stephen Sowerby – Maintenance of War Memorials
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	All Wards
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	Yes
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix 1 - LLB - Register of Statutory Listed Structures in Borough Ownership
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### **Summary**

A Members Items have been received for the Housing and Growth Committee from Chairman on behalf of Councillor Stephen Sowerby. The Committee is requested to consider the items and give instructions.

### **Officers Recommendation**

**That the Housing and Growth Committee instructions in relation to these Member's Item are requested.**

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Chairman has agreed to accept this as an urgent item under his name on behalf of Councillor Stephen Sowerby, the Head of Governance is satisfied that it meets the urgency criteria. The reason being that there is a great deal of public interest in the maintenance of War Memorials and considering the time it will take to get the work commissioned and underway it is considered the justifiably urgent.
- 1.2 Members of the Committee are therefore requested that the item tabled below are submitted to the Housing and Growth Committee for considering and determination. The Housing and Growth Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

<b>Chairman on behalf of Councillor Stephen Sowerby.</b>	<b>Maintenance of War Memorials</b>
	<p>I make the following request for funding in my role as Design &amp; Heritage Champion for the Borough.</p> <p>The London Borough of Barnet owns 15 statutory listed buildings/structures for which it retains responsibility for maintaining at least 12 (see attached list). Apart from periodic cleaning of the War Memorials the Borough undertakes very limited maintenance of the statutory listed structures in its ownership (the Barnet Physic Well was a rare exception match funded by Historic England).</p> <p>It is apparent from even casual observation that a number of these structures require remedial action beyond cleaning. Due to 7 of the structures being War Memorials they are very much in the public eye and their apparent deterioration has started to elicit public comment/concern.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Estates Team does not work to a specific maintenance plan reflecting the heritage needs of each structure. In fact, the Borough did not possess a centrally agreed register of statutory listed structures in its ownership until the commencement of this exercise.</p> <p>Most of the 15 structures identified were intended to be public sculpture of artistic merit and their maintenance should be driven by a heritage report reflecting current condition and specialist care requirements.</p> <p>I therefore respectfully request the committee to commission a heritage survey (by professional heritage consultants) to assess the current condition of each of the 15 statutory listed structures in the Borough's ownership - liaising with Historic England as appropriate. The Borough's Heritage Officer should also be consulted on the commissioning of the consultants.</p> <p>The survey should assess the current state of repair of each structure</p>

	<p>making recommendations for desired maintenance works. It is envisaged that the survey will act as the maintenance plan for the Borough's listed structures moving forward.</p> <p>If the listed structure surveyed is owned but not maintained by the Borough, then the survey's findings can be provided to the controlling tenant to commence any identified maintenance works.</p> <p>It should be noted that I am not requesting funds for maintenance works, I am requesting the commissioning of a heritage survey (likely to cost between £3000-£5000). Where the survey recommends maintenance works these can be funded via a grant application to an appropriate heritage body on a priority basis (as was the approach with the Physic well).</p>
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## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A

## 4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

### 5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

### 5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### 5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.
- 5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

5.3.3 The Chairman, having consulted with the vice-chairman and the opposition spokesman and taken advice from the Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance has agreed to take this as an urgent item as per Article 7:15 of the Constitution.

#### **5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

#### **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Email received on 18 November 2019.