

To Hythe Town Council
Date 16 July 2019
Status **Non Exempt**
Responsible officer Responsible Financial Officer

Subject **MEMORIAL BENCH REPORT F&GP/06/19**

SUMMARY: This report outlines the request for a WW1 memorial bench to be placed in Hythe.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:-

- a) The Council is committed to responding to the Communities needs and encouraging innovation under the General power of competence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note the report F&GP/06/19
2. To ask the RFO to apply for funding to cover the costs of the purchase of one bench.
3. To consider match funding to cover the costs of delivery and installation.

INTRODUCTION

Each year the Royal British legion encourages the nation to remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces Community.

In 2018 the WW1 100th year commemorations were held to remember the end of the first 'Great war'. Most towns and parishes have installed a commemorative bench to mark the occasion and these are used as a special and thoughtful way to 'remember those lost'.

The only War memorial that is situated in Hythe was unveiled in July 1921 and commemorates all conflicts and is protected by the National heritage.

This year, 2019, the RBL are encouraging everyone to 'Remember to-gether' to commemorate the service and sacrifice that many friends, allies and commonwealth nations made alongside Britain in defence of its freedom, values and way of life.

Bench Information: Bespoke WW1 bench seats are designed and manufactured and are made from 6mm thick laser cut steel. The designs incorporate the image of

soldiers, crosses and/or poppies. The bench is galvanised for weather and corrosion protection then painted in acrylic paint, it is virtually vandal proof and maintenance free, with a 25 year guarantee.

Here are a few examples;



Option 1 above; War horse bench seat £896 plus vat



Option 2 above; WW1 bench seat £781 plus vat



Option One above; WW1 half bench seat £tba plus vat

Here is a link to the supplier's website

<https://www.davidogilvie.com/>

SUMMARY

If only partial funding can be raised, Hythe Town council are asked to consider the cost of £125 per bench delivery and provide the installation of the memorial bench to commemorate the service and sacrifices of the armed forces and to remember those lost.

An intended site proposal for the installation will then be passed to the Planning committee for discussion.

CONTACT OFFICER

If you have any queries about this report please contact The Responsible Financial Officer of the Council

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